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## FIVE CHINESE NATIONALS KILLED IN SUICIDE ATTACK IN NORTHWEST PAK

**A vehicle loaded with explosives rammed into a bus carrying the Chinese nationals in Pakistan's Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. It's driver too died**

### NO OUTFIT CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACK

The vehicle carrying the Chinese engineers fell into a gorge after the bast and caught fire. Rescue workers reached the spot and put out the fire. The bodies of the Chinese nationals — four men and a woman — were being taken to Islamabad. The foreigners were working on the Dasu hydropower project. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack till now | **P12**

### MILITANTS TARGET NAVAL BASE IN BALOCH

- Pakistan security forces on Monday night foiled an attack at a naval air base in Turbat district of Balochistan, killing at least four militants. In the exchange of fire, one security personnel was killed
- Militants attacked one of the biggest naval air bases from three sides, but their attempts were foiled by Pakistan's security forces

### DOZEN

**BLASTS WERE HEARD IN TURBAT TOWN DURING THE ATTACK ON NAVAL BASE**


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## AT LEAST 6 MISSING AFTER SHIP SMASHES KEY U.S. BRIDGE

1. A ship hit Francis Scott Key bridge in Baltimore port at 1.27 am local time (11 am IST) on Tuesday, causing it to collapse, sending cars and people plunging into the Patapsco River
2. 8 workers fixing potholes on the 2.57-km long bridge and several cars fell into the frigid river below, at 8°C. Two were pulled out; one seriously hurt. Search on for the rest
3. The 948-ft 'Dali' container ship's crew issued a 'Mayday' call before the accident, helping officials to slow traffic flow and prevent more vehicles from falling into the cold river
4. All 22 Indian crew members of the Maersk-operated ship are safe. The ship's owner is Singapore-based Synergy Marine Pte Ltd, founded by Capt Rajesh Unni | **P12**

# Complaint against minister Tangadagi for anti-Modi jibe

**AMIT S UPADHYE** @Koppal

TWO days after a video of Congress minister **Shivaraj Tangadagi** allegedly abusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi went viral, the Koppal police have registered a complaint against him.

Participating in a Congress campaign, Tangadagi, who is Koppal district in-charge minister, said the youth chanting Modi's name should be slapped. He was campaigning for Koppal Congress LS candidate Rajshekar Hitnal.

On Tuesday, BJP leaders and workers from Koppal staged a protest against Tangadagi for his remarks against Modi. Union minister Pralhad Joshi and former CM Basavaraj Bommai criticised the minister.

Addressing the gathering, Tangadagi questioned the promise of creating two crore jobs made by Modi. This promise has not been fulfilled.

"There are many states which do not have BJP governments. People of northeastern states will reject BJP. When Modi came to power, the BJP promised 100 smart cities. Show me one smart city now. Only Modi became smarter," he alleged.

Meanwhile, Tangadagi defended his remarks stating that as a Congress leader, he cannot praise BJP. He said, "I know how and what to speak. As the Congress leader should I praise BJP?"

A senior police officer said action will be initiated based on the investigation report.

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### Complaint against Ravi

Congress is likely to file a complaint with the Election Commission against former BJP MLA CT Ravi for saying that Tangadagi is unfit to be a Kannada and culture minister. KPCC vice-president Ramesh Babu alleged that the attack on Tangadagi is an attack on Dalits, which is BJP's strategy. Ravi had challenged Tangadagi to repeat the 'slap those who chant Modi name' statement. Tangadagi too replied to it strongly.

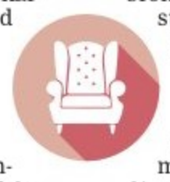
# Talks with SAD fail, BJP to go it alone in Punjab

Demand for assurance on farmers and Sikh political prisoners were the sticking points

**HARPREET BAJWA** @Chandigarh

EFFORTS to stitch up an alliance between the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Punjab for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections broke down on Tuesday with the saffron party announcing its decision to go it alone. There was a similar collapse of talks in Odisha between the BJP and the ruling BJD a few days ago.

The breakdown in Punjab was not about the seat-sharing ratio. The BJP wanted six of the 13 Lok Sabha seats while the SAD was willing to part with five. But an agreement was around the corner.



The sticking points instead were the SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal's insistence that the BJP offer some assurance to the protesting farmers so as to help his Akali party sell the alliance to its rural voter base. The SAD had snapped its alliance with the BJP in September 2020 after three farm laws were rammed through in Parliament, which triggered a massive nationwide agitation.

The other demand was for some commitment on the release of Sikh political prisoners (Bandi Singhs). But the BJP refused to yield on both the hot button issues.

Announcing his party's decision, Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar said, "The decision has been taken in the interest of a safe and secure border state. I am sure people will support the BJP in the June 1 election."

Badal hit back, saying the "Shiromani Akali Dal is not just a political party driven by number games, unlike some national parties. We are a 103-year-old movement with a clear vision and we have always stood by and for principles. That will continue to be our goal."

When the alliance talks were on, both Jakhar and former chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh who is a national executive committee member of the BJP, had said building a SAD-BJP bond was the emotion of the people of Punjab.

This will be the first LS polls since 1998 that both the BJP and SAD will contest separately. In the previous LS poll coalitions with the SAD, the BJP had contested from three constituencies. As for the 2022 assembly polls, they went it alone and got humiliating single digit scores of two (BJP) and three (SAD) in the 117-member House.

### BJP FIELDS TURNCOATS IN HIMACHAL, GUJ BYPOLL

The BJP on Tuesday named six disqualified Congress MLAs as its candidates for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly bypolls, triggering a rebellion by party leaders who expected the tickets. Former Himachal Pradesh minister and BJP leader from Lahaul and Spiti assembly constituency, Ram Lal Markanda, quit the party to protest the fielding of Congress rebel Ravi Thakur who had defeated him in the constituency in the last assembly elections. In Gujarat, four Congress turncoat MLAs, including former leader of opposition Arjun Modhwadia, were fielded by the BJP in the assembly bypolls

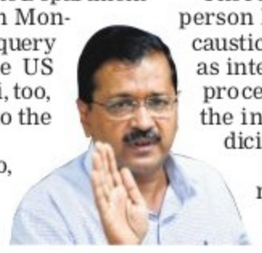
# Govt mum as US does a Germany, says it encourages fair legal process on Kejriwal

**YESHI SELI** @New Delhi

THE US on Tuesday became the second country after Germany to 'encourage a fair legal process' following the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate on March 21.

While the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had described the German foreign office spokesperson Sebastian Fischer as an interference in India's internal affairs, it is yet react to the US comment.

"We encourage a fair, transparent, and timely legal process for Chief Minister Kejriwal," said a US State Department spokesperson on Monday to an email query by Reuters. The US embassy in Delhi, too, has not reacted to the remark.



A few days ago, a German foreign ministry official said Kejriwal is entitled to a fair and an impartial trial and can make use of all the existing legal remedies without restriction.

The response of MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was caustic. "We see such remarks as interfering in our judicial process and undermining the independence of our judiciary," he said.

Biased assumptions made on this account are most unwarranted, Jaiswal added.

BITCOIN SCAM

# 'Cops drugged Shriki, got crypto transferred to their wallets'

**YATHIRAJU** @Bengaluru

OFFICERS investigating the 2020 bitcoin scam allegedly administered Alprazolam (Xanas - a psychotropic substance) drug to accused hacker Shrikrishna alias Shriki to transfer bitcoins to their wallets when he was in police custody.

This was disclosed in the objections to the bail petition filed by accused police inspector Lakshmikanthaiah G before a city court.

The drug was allegedly administered to Shriki without proper medical care and in collusion with other accused in the case. The accused police officers allegedly took control of the websites of some financial institutions by forcing Shriki to do so with the help of KA Santhosh Kumar, CEO of GCID Technologies Private Ltd.

Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) BN Jagadeesh stated that the petitioner and other police officers investigating the scam took law into their hands, made financial gains, and attempted to cause financial losses to other people as well.

The SPP informed the court that a mobile phone seized from accused Robin Khandelwal by the petitioner is the court's property. But he took it to a private lab, GCID, where it was left unattended and subsequently used by several civilians for nearly two years. Upon insistence by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), the mobile phone was deliberately damaged to conceal facts before handing it over, the SPP said.

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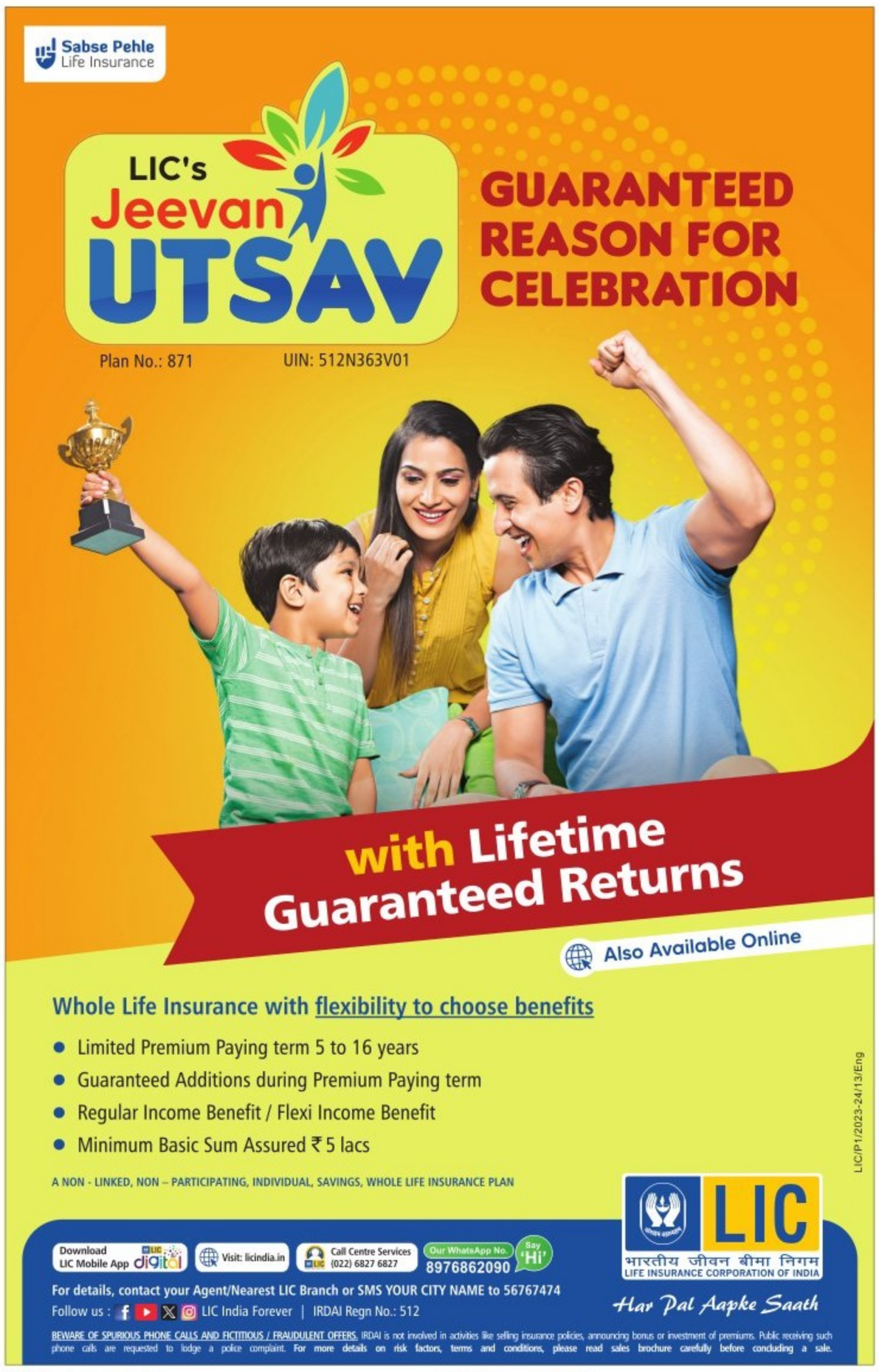
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EXPRESS READ

### Escoms to grant multiple power connections

Bengaluru: In a first, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has directed all energy supply corporations (Escoms) to allow low-tension residential consumers avail multiple connections on their premises | **P5**

### Hubby in debt over IPL betting, woman kills self

Chitradurga: A woman, whose husband obtained lakhs of rupees in loans from private money lenders for online IPL betting and had been facing constant harassment to repay, hanged herself at Basava Layout in Holalkere town on March 18 | **P5**

# Community RWH project to fill city's lakes on the anvil

**We are planning to implement the project in Varthur and Bellandur areas in the first phase**

V Ram Prasath Manohar, BWSSB chairman

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

BANGALORE Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) chairman V Ram Prasath Manohar has said that the board is contemplating introducing a community rainwater harvesting project to fill lakes and help recharge groundwater in the city.

The board has plans to implement the project in Varthur and Bellandur areas in the first phase.

Manohar said the aim of the project is to channel rainwater, which is being wasted, into the lakes. "We are planning to lay pipes from apartments, and public and private buildings located within a radius of 500 metres from the lakes to release rainwater into them under the project. This will help in filling the lakes with rainwater and recharging groundwater," Manohar said.

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**ALMANAC TODAY**

- **Wednesday:** 27/03/2024 • **Year:** Shobhakruta • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
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- **Nakshatra:** Chittha 2.25 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
- **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

**WEATHER**

MIN 20°C | MAX 35°C

**FORECAST** Mostly sunny

Sunrise 06.19 am
Sunset 06.31 pm
Moonrise 08.11 pm
Moonset 07.25 am

TACKLING SCARCITY

# 110 VILLAGES TO GET 200 MLD WATER, NOT 775 MLD INITIALLY

Supply to be increased gradually based on demand and consumption

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE the State Government and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) have announced that the 110 villages in the city's periphery will get 775 million litres of water per day (MLD) from the end of April, informed sources said that might not be the case.

BWSSB sources said that to start with, 200 MLD additional water will be pumped under Cauvery Stage-5 to the newly added 110 villages, and gradually, based on demand and consumption, the supply will be increased.

"We will not supply 775 MLD from the end of April or the first week of May. It is not possible. In the first month, 200 MLD will be supplied. The demand and consumption will be analysed and then in the subsequent months, an additional 100 MLD or even less will be added to the supply," said a BWSSB official on condition of anonymity.

BWSSB officials admitted that there was no "official" carrying capacity document with them for now. "There is no document to explain the carrying capacity and the demand of consumers from the 110 villages as of March 1, 2024. The total allocation for these 110 villages is 775 MLD. We are expecting that there will be 3–4 lakh consumers for Cauvery water. No survey has been done so far. At the moment, all the places in and around Mahadevapura are not connected with Cauvery pipes. The same is the case with West Bengaluru," the official said.

On what will be done if the number of consumers is much higher than what is expected, the BWSSB official added that the maximum allocation is 775 MLD and only that quantity of water will be supplied. "If the demand is higher, then it will have to be managed and adjusted with the supply from other areas," the official added.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

According to BWSSB data, the 110 villages have so far got 46,000 connections. From the end of February, the BWSSB increased the Cauvery water supply to Bengaluru from 1450 MLD to 1470 MLD. Consumers, however, have been crying foul of poor water supply.

"The agency is rationing in giving connections to apartment complexes. For instance, if the application of an apartment complex with 200 units wants four connections, BWSSB is asking them to make do with three and is not keen to implement the older application rate. Apartment dwellers are being asked to revise and make payments as per new rates, which many are not agreeing to. This is reducing the water demand for BWSSB," said a source from BWSSB.

## BBMP chief holds meet on water woes

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THE BWSSB chairman said though rainwater harvesting has been made mandatory in the city, this rule is not being implemented effectively due to negligence and for want of space.

"In many places, rainwater harvesting systems are installed only to get permission for new buildings. Rainwater is being let into drainages. Due to this, the city sees flood-like situations whenever it receives heavy rains. To prevent this and to ensure that water is not wasted, the board has come up with the project," Manohar said.

Meanwhile, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath held a meeting with officials of Yelahanka and Dasarahalli zones on shortage of drinking water there. He instructed the officials to coordinate with their counterparts in BWSSB and help ease the problem in the two zones.

He directed the officials to ensure that the drinking water units installed in the zones function properly. He told them to make alternative arrangements if the units are not working.

Girinath asked them to keep plastic tanks filled with water in the affected places in the two zones.

# Under-construction flats more attractive option

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HOMEOWNERS in Bengaluru are more interested in buying under-construction projects compared to fully completed homes, revealed a new study by MagicBricks.

There has been an uptick of 7.8 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) demand between January and March 2024 for under-construction properties in Indian cities with Bengaluru seeing a 5.7 per cent QoQ demand for its under-construction properties in one of the most substantial price increments.

The Propindex Report by MagicBricks said the reason for this trend is due to a consistent increase in the cost of residential properties since 2023, making under-construction projects affordable and

more attractive investment for buyers.

Cities such as Noida (7.1% QoQ), Greater Noida (6.1% QoQ) and Mumbai (5.7% QoQ) also witnessed price increments in under-construction properties.

Abhishek Bhadra, Head of Research, MagicBricks, said, "Historically, homebuyers have often favoured completed projects over new developments. But against the backdrop of increasing residential prices in 2023, there emerged a discernible shift in preference towards relatively more affordable under-construction properties. Consequently, prices of under-construction properties are on the rise as well. In response to this evolving demand, we have observed that developers are swiftly expediting the completion of under-construction projects and launching new ones."

Not just unfinished projects, homebuyers are also inclined towards investing in 2BHK units which the study said is influenced by the increasing residential prices across various cities. The report highlighted that the demand has gone up by 10 per cent from 32 per cent in October-December 2023 to 42 per cent between January-March of 2024. In Bengaluru, the 2BHK preference saw a spike from 29 per cent in the earlier quarter to 45 per cent in January-March.

"While we anticipate residential demand to continue increasing, albeit at a slower pace, there are promising signs indicating an increase in residential supply in the upcoming quarters. Consequently, we expect prices to stabilise, showcasing the market's resilience in the face of evolving dynamics," added Bhadra.

The report forecasts a continued uptrend in aggregate demand across the top 13 cities, including Bengaluru, registering a robust growth of 6.9 per cent QoQ and the demand continues to outstrip supply, resulting in a 2.9% QoQ increase in residential prices across these 13 cities.

# TOUR OPERATORS ASK GOVT TO PREPARE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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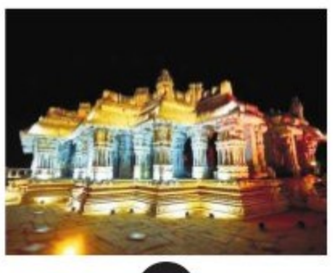
MEMBERS of the Karnataka Tourism Society (KTS) on Tuesday requested the Karnataka State Tourism Department and the Ministry of Tourism to prepare a calendar of events for major tourist events and festivals in the state like the Mysuru Dasara and Hampi Utsav, and share it with them and private tour operators to draw more tourists to the state.

KTS secretary S Mahalingaiah said, "We have requested multiple times to the department, but it is still not addressed." Citing the example of Mysuru Dasara, he said the state government terms it a global festival and aims to draw tourists in large numbers, spending hundreds of crores, but the returns are less. If private stakeholders are involved like giving tour operators or the society members golden passes, this will help draw over 10,000- 15,000 people. Then the government will not have to spend so much as it can draw investors.



**"in the case of Hampi Utsav, the government announces the dates at the last minute. There should be better planning and involvement"**

S Mahalingaiah, KTS secretary

He was speaking on the sidelines of a B2B meet here to promote Chikkamagalur and Sakleshpur, where 25 registered sellers from the two destinations and 200 tour operators from Bengaluru participated.

Mahalingaiah said in the case of Hampi Utsav, the government announces the dates at the last minute. The dates for Mysuru Dasara are known in advance, but not for Hampi Utsav. There should be better planning and involvement, he added.

Mahalingaiah said events are planned for north and coastal Karnataka, which will be held soon after the Lok Sabha polls. Also the Karnataka International Travel Expo will be held on August 24 for domestic and international stakeholders.

RERA TRIBUNAL

## Appointments can't stop due to polls, HC tells state

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THE Karnataka High Court observed that the proceedings concerning the appointments of chairperson and members for the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Appellate Tribunal, which began on January 22, cannot be stalled on the grounds that the parliamentary elections have been announced.

Justice M Nagaprasanna said the constitution of the tribunal is imperative as also the filling up of vacancy of the member of RERA so that cases which are being filed in huge numbers before the high court would stop.

On February 26, the court granted three weeks to the state government to make the RERA Appellate Tribunal functional by appointing its chairperson and members.

When the case was taken up for hearing regarding the compliance of this order, Advocate General K Shashikiran Shetty submitted that the announcement of elections is an impediment on executing the orders passed by the court on filling the posts.

On the last date of hearing, the court observed that a large number of petitions were filed before the high court by promoters against the orders passed by the RERA, instead of filing them before the Appellate Tribunal, which is non-functional, as its chairperson has not been appointed by the state government since June 2, 2023.

# Revenue dept seeks report on home buyers' woes

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a written complaint by home buyers stating that their complaints to the stamps and registration department were ignored for months, the Revenue Department has written to the Inspector General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps to submit its action-taken report within a fortnight.

The letter issued on March 25 and signed by AG Meena, under-secretary of revenue department, to BR Mamatha attaches the complaint submitted by the Karnataka Home Buyers Forum (KHBF).

The complaint submitted by the forum on March 3 to V Rashmi Mahesh, principal secretary, revenue department, recalls the interaction by its members with the inspector general on September 13 and the numerous requests made on behalf of home buyers.

The strongly worded letter charges the IGR of "dereliction of duty and not taking any action on home buyers complaints". This was causing the public to suffer, it said.

Detailing the requests submitted in the past, Dhananjaya Padmanabachar, KHBF convenor, told *TNIE*, "We have repeatedly appealed that registration of flats be stopped in case there are violations in line with the Registration Act. A High Court order on March 20, 2023, too states that sale deeds can be executed only along with undivided share."

He alleged, "The IGR has not taken any action against the irregularities which have resulted in the land rights of home buyers being taken away."

The complaint also said numerous land scams were taking place in Bengaluru with land on which apartments were constructed getting mortgaged to banks without the consent of the flat owners who own the land. "Such mortgage document is also not registered at the sub-registrar office," he pointed out.

Khata and Occupancy Certificates are mandatory documents to be produced during registration of flats at the sub-registrar office, but sale deeds continue to be registered without the khata or Occupancy Certificates in some cases, he said. He also listed the names of a few builders who got away with irregularities.

Revenue officials did not want to comment on the issue while Mamatha did not respond to calls or messages.

**We have repeatedly appealed that registration of flats be stopped in case there are violations in line with the Registration Act. A High Court order too states that sale deeds can be executed only along with undivided share** — Dhananjaya Padmanabachar, KHBF convenor

**EXPRESS READ**

### City police stations go paperless

Police Commissioner B Dayananda said all police stations in the city have gone paperless by migrating to the e-office software. Earlier e-office was implemented only at police stations falling under the South East Division. Now, it has been been implemented in all the police stations across the city. E-office will speed up the work, enhance efficiency and productivity of the staff besides clearing clutter in the office, the officer said. **ENS**

### Christ varsity wins national moot court competition

Christ University emerged winners of the third edition of the Justice N. Santosh Hegde National Moot Court Competition conducted by Alliance University. As many as 41 teams participated in the competition with 16 competing in the finals. The team from Christ University – Aadit Shah, Amiya M Arickatt and Anant Baid -- clinched the competition while the team from VM Salgaocar College of Law – Anushka Patil, Jinu Ponnachan and Kalla Naga Chaitrali -- were the runners-up. Aadit Shah of Christ was also awarded the Best Speaker Award, while Raaghav Sapra from the University Institute of Legal Studies at Punjab University in Chandigarh secured the Best Researcher Award. The team from Lloyd Law College -- Aanchal Rajput, Vivek Kumar and Aditya Garg -- bagged the Best Memorial Award. The finale of the competition was held between March 21 and 23. **ENS**

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**27th March : Do we have free choice? That's a question I'm often asked and, ultimately, it's an impossible one to answer. In a universe governed by the laws of physics, scientists assume that our freedom is severely limited. Astrology, however, assumes that by understanding ourselves and anticipating the future we can begin to make our own choices.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The moment has come to lead other people a merry dance by taking off and making fame and fortune your ultimate goal. Just to follow another tack for a change, your creative powers are as strong as ever, and you may look to your own individual skills and talents.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It doesn't matter whether your current problems are intensely personal - or strictly public and professional. All that matters is that you adopt an open-hearted approach and welcome other people into your confidence. You'll be unhappy with any actions which require deception, however small.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
Fortunately consultation with others comes naturally to you, but if I may make a gentle observation, you are not always that good at listening to other people's responses. Today you must take all advice to heart, even if it feels as if you've heard it all before.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
It's said that you can't jump in the same river twice. This ancient riddle is an astrological truth which makes enormous sense at the moment: the same conditions will never return, so you must plan for the future, not live in the past. In other words, life is not a rehearsal!

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It may be in your best interests to wait a while longer before taking too much on trust or finalising personal arrangements. Also, you should now accord partners more respect than has sometimes been the case. It's the least that they deserve, but it will also reflect well on you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It is not like you to do things on the spur of the moment, but you are now entering a period of maximum impatience in your relationships and at work. Be sure that if you disturb a professional partnership, the results are as desired. Remember the old saying: act in haste, repent at leisure!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
If you have raised your sights to the higher questions, those involving ethics and morality, even schemes which recently appeared to be fraught with obstacles could become a great deal easier. You should take some of the credit, but so should someone who has given you good, if uncomfortable, advice.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Mercury, planet of deep thought, is now intriguingly aligned with your sign. You must now therefore develop original ideas. More than that, you may benefit from the absolute determination to reject anything that no longer suits your mood.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You're a complex person, but then you don't need me to tell you that. If you wish, you may continue the rules and habits of a lifetime and maintain a sense of imaginative chaos at home. If anyone tries to make you follow their ideas, just smile sweetly and ignore them.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Strong financial indications continue but with a distinctly problematic set of circumstances. Either you'll make an enormous profit or you'll be ripped off - there is no middle way. However, play your cards with great care and you'll undoubtedly pick up a nice bargain.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If you have your wits about you at present, you can soon finally agree a deal or transaction which has been uppermost in your mind for a very long time. You may, though, have to fill in the details at a later date. Next week should do it, so make your plans immediately.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You must now be prepared to take snap decisions, much as this may go against the grain. If you're in need of expert advice or assistance you may wait until tomorrow. Also, happy to say, hard effort is likely to bring the desired monetary remuneration.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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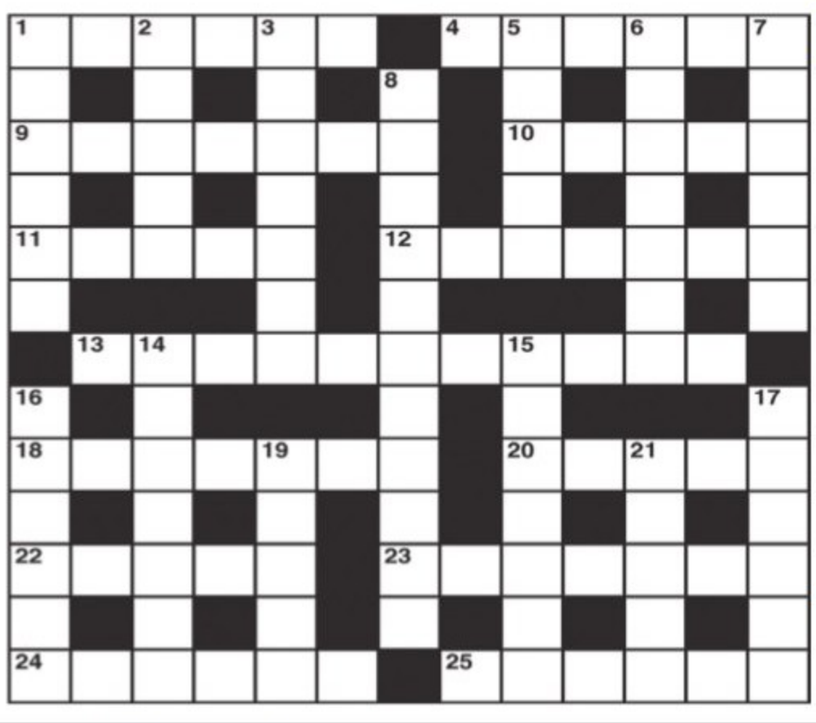
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



**CROSS WORD**

**ACROSS**

1 Provide inspiration for puzzle (6)
4 Vessel for a service in church (6)
9 North America's largest meat producer (7)
10 One included in change of location for film (5)
11 Find out how to get a pound on merit (5)
12 Old city in Natal is unaffected (7)
13 A light sleeper but always arriving late for his job (5-6)
18 Funny business with new claim (7)
20 Plant nutrient container is sent back again (5)
22 Cancel an article from a yearbook (5)
23 Note the winner of a possession order (7)
24 Falsehoods about for instance loyal subjects (6)
25 A representative business (6)

**DOWN**

1 Air envelope that has a short life (6)
2 Members in Italian society who break the rules (5)
3 Solidly built huts can fall into disrepair (7)
5 Notice Tim returning and let him in (5)
6 Negative modern poetry (7)
7 Smoothly gets Evelyn remodelled (6)
8 He spends most of his time out of the country (4-7)
14 1000 troops heading southeast in huge formation (7)
15 Operating continuously (7)
16 A bad hand (6)
17 Like laughter of the earthy variety? (6)
19 Labour to replenish the dairy farmer's stock (5)
21 A small bird and an enormous one (5)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Faculty, 5 Degas, 8 Breach of faith, 9 Enrol, 10 Eyeball, 11 Mahler, 12 Dormer, 15 Luddite, 17 Easel, 19 Archaeologist, 20 Dishy, 21 Retinue.

**Down:** 1 Fable, 2 Clear the decks, 3 Lucille, 4 Yeomen, 5 Defoe, 6 Gain admission, 7 Scholar, 11 Mallard, 13 Open out, 14 Detour, 16 Italy, 18 Lathe.

**JUMBLE**

**UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.**

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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This is ridiculous!
Do they like salami?
Hey! That's mine!
TRYING TO EAT LUNCH ON A BEACH WITH SO MANY SEAGULLS WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ORBIT PRINT PROMPT NIMBLE
Answer: He wanted to take out more money to play blackjack but decided he — "BETTOR" NOT

The Rajajinagar police have arrested two women thieves and recovered stolen gold jewellery worth Rs 16 lakh from the duo. Police have identified the accused as Jyothi (39) and Asha (33), both from Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu and residents of Doddanagamangala in the city

# BMTC CONDUCTOR RAINS BLOWS ON WOMAN, VIDEO GOES VIRAL

## Woman allegedly first hit conductor when he questioned her for not buying bus ticket

A video grab of the altercation between the conductor and woman passenger

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A BMTC bus conductor has been suspended for assaulting a woman passenger in the city.

It is alleged that the woman first hit the conductor when he questioned her for not buying the bus ticket. A video of the incident recorded by another passenger has gone viral.

The incident took place on Tuesday around 10 am in the bus (route 368/6) plying between Bannerghatta National Park and Shivajinagar.

An employee of a fashion store on Commercial Street, the woman, who boarded the bus at Bilekahalli, is alleged to have not taken her ticket before the Gurappanapalya stage despite conductor Honnappa Nagappa Agasar's repeated pleas.

An argument broke out between the woman and the conductor after she gave money for her ticket after the Gurappanapalya stage. When Agasar sought to know why she did not buy her ticket despite his repeated pleas before the stage, she allegedly slapped him. In retaliation, the conductor rained blows on her.

In her complaint, the woman stated that she doesn't know Kannada as she hails from north India. She could not follow what the conductor was saying in Kannada. Moreover, the conductor did not issue her ticket when she asked for it, she said. A case of assault or criminal force to any woman (IPC 354), causing hurt (IPC 323), criminal intimidation (IPC 506) and intending to insult the modesty of any woman, utters any words, makes any sound or gesture (IPC 509), has been registered against the conductor by Siddapura police.

A security staffer grabs the youth, as he touches the feet of cricket icon Virat Kohli, during the RCB-Punjab Kings IPL clash, in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

# Kohli fan invades pitch during match, detained

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A Virat Kohli fan, hailing from Raichur and said to be a minor, who had invaded the cricket pitch at Chinnaswamy stadium during a match and hugged and touched the feet of his idol, has been detained by the Cubbon Park police.

The incident happened between 9.15 pm and 9.20 pm on Monday during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Punjab Kings clash when Kohli came to the crease to bat. The youth breached the security by scaling and jumping the fence at the D1 Corporate box. The stadium's security personnel took him away. The video of the incident went viral on social media.

He is said to have come in a train from Raichur to see his favourite star, and had bought a Rs 3,000 ticket.

A case of criminal trespass (IPC 447), public nuisance (IPC 290) and criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging duty (IPC 353) has been registered against him.

The Cubbon Park police have registered a case.

# CA creates fake ₹168-cr e-bank guarantees, arrested

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Cyber Crime police have nabbed a person who was allegedly involved in creating fake e-bank guarantees, like e-BG, the digital process of issuing a guarantee to a lender.

The accused, a Chartered Accountant, along with another person, who is absconding, had allegedly created fake e-BG of Rs 168 crore and had given them to 11 persons for a commission of Rs 5 crore. The accused allegedly operated from Kuwait, Malaysia and other countries.

The police have arrested main accused Aashish Saxena of Noida in Uttar Pradesh, who operated from Kuwait, by issuing a Look Out Circular (LOC). He was detained by authorities when he arrived in Delhi International Airport on March 13 and was handed over to the Bengaluru police. Saxena's arrest came after a complaint was lodged by the National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL), stating that e-bank guarantees worth Rs 168.13 crore submitted by 11 persons were found to be fake. The police questioned the 11 persons, who claimed that two unidentified persons gave them the e-bank guarantees for a commission. They were in contact with the accused over phone.

Based on their information, the police collected the mobile number and bank details of the accused, who belonged to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. A special team was formed to trace them and an LOC was issued. Police said Saxena used his professional network to identify the victims. Two laptops, six phones, one pendrive and 10 different bank cheques were seized from him.

# Man held for killing auto driver over drunken brawl

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 55-year-old man from Konanakunte has been arrested on charges of killing an autorickshaw driver whom he had met in a bar on Saturday night. The accused has been identified as Munikrishna, a resident of Raghuvanahalli, and the victim Gopi (55) hailed from Harihara.

Munikrishna had allegedly killed Gopi by hitting him in his car, which has been seized. The Thalagattapura traffic police had first registered the case as it looked like an accident case. However, footage of over 20 CCTV cameras gave a twist to the case and the police found that the accused had intentionally hit the victim over a fight while consuming alcohol. Gopi and his friend Umapathy from Malur had gone to a bar on Vajarahalli 100 Feet Road. The duo met Munikrishna in the bar. After the bar was closed, all three went in Munikrishna's car to drink. While drinking, Gopi and Umapathy started fighting over a trivial row and the two started scolding Munikrishna after he told them not to fight. Munikrishna asked the two to get out of his car. Gopi is alleged to have tried hitting the accused with his footwear.

Frustrated, Munikrishna killed Gopi by hitting him in his car. Umapathy returned home and reportedly attempted suicide by consuming poison as he feared that he too might land in trouble. He was immediately rushed to hospital by his family.

"Since the identity of the victim was not known, we started going through the CCTV camera footage and realised that it was not a case of accident. Based on the car's registration number, the accused has been arrested," said the police.

CRIME PATROL

### Man held for conning people of ₹4.5 crore

BENGALURU: The Cybercrime police have arrested a man for allegedly cheating people of Rs 4.5 crore by promising premium insurance bonds. The accused has been identified as Manveer Singh alias Manoj Singh (40). On May 26, 2022, a victim received a call from an individual, stating he was from a private insurance firm and promised a premium bond for a Rs 15 lakh cheque, along with documents like Aadhaar, photographs and PAN card. But the victim failed to receive the premium benefit and contacted the insurer, which stated that it wasn't aware of any such policy. Later, he filed a police complaint. The police learnt that Singh hired an individual to collect the documents and courier them along with the cheques to him. The fraudster deposited the cheque and withdrew the money from ATMs. On February 29, the police arrested Singh from UP.

# 3 loot train passengers after spiking drink, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AN interstate gang, who looted ornaments and money from train passengers after sedating them by mixing pills in their drinks, were recently caught by the Government Railway Police.

The gang had stolen 120 gram of gold during their latest dacoity three months ago. The arrested are Mohammad Shoukat Ali, Mohmmad Sattar and Mohammad Avad.

Briefing the media, GRP Superintendent S K Soumyalatha said a special team was set up to investigate the case following the incident on December 17 last year on board the Jodhpur-Bengaluru Express. The victims were Davar Lal and his wife Samli Devi who were travelling to Bengaluru from Palimar railway station.

"When the train reached Arasikere around 6 am, the trio befriended the couple and mixed pills with their Badam milk. When they fell unconscious, they took Rs 20,000 in cash and 120 gram of gold worth Rs 6.2 lakh," she added. The Arasikere station has registered cases against under sections 328, 379 and 34 of the IPC. The accused are in judicial custody now, she added.

**Two women held**

In another incident on the Murdeshwara-Bengaluru Express, two women serial robbers have been arrested for stealing 402 gram of gold worth Rs 38 lakh from a woman passenger travelling in the AC compartment.

Samim Kunil filed a complaint stating that gold was stolen from her vanity bag by diverting her attention. Mangaluru amd Mysuru railway police jointly arrested Gayatri and Sandhya against whom multiple cases were filed in different railway police stations.


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**POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.**, having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.6, Ganesh Chambers, Dodda Banaswadi Main Road, Banaswadi, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560043, Bengaluru-Banaswadi Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **21-10-2023** followed by Paper Publication Dated **11-12-2023** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. DLR Constructions Pvt. Ltd., No-230, 4th Main, NRI Layout, Near HDFC Bank, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560016. No.2) Mr. M. Lokeshwara Naidu, S/o. Mr. M. Nagappa, Flat No.402, Sabarmathi Enclave Apartment, 4th Main, NRI Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560016. No.3) Mr. Ravindra Tharigopula, S/o. Mr. T. Sanjeevu, Flat No.25, Sabarmathi No.244 Enclave, 4th Main, Bangalore - 560016. No.4) Mr. Damoddar Galla, S/o. Mr. Galla Narayana Flat No. 102, C.B.R. Residency, Beside HP Gas, Lanco Hills Road, Manikonda, Puppalguda, Telangana - 500089** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.1,23,59,067/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand and Sixty Seven only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **11-10-2023** with monthly rests.

**The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 22nd day of March 2024.**

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.1,02,81,081/- (Rupees One Crore Two Lakh Eighty One Thousand and Eighty One only)** and interest thereon from **22-03-2024** till the repayment of entire dues.

**The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

Note : That our **318-Bengaluru-Banaswadi Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL FOR COVID-19 RP : 501912090019362) dated **29-12-2020** requested by No.1 of you Represented by Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of you as Director for which Nos.2, 3 and 4 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 21,32,497/-** at a ROI of **13.25%** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **19-08-2023** and the outstanding balance as on **21-03-2024** is **Rs.19,40,810/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **22-03-2024** till the date of realization.

**Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank**

**Schedule - A : (Property Owned by M/s. DLR Constructions Pvt. Ltd. Represented by Mr. Damodar Galla, Mr. Lokeshwara Naidu and Mr. Ravindra Tharigopula)**

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Site No.41, Old House List Khatha No.101/2, present BBMP Khatha No.448/373/376/41, Property Nos.373 and 376, situated at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring 9,995 Sq.feet. Presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP. With all rights, appurtenances Whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on : East by : Site No.40, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Site No.31. Measurement : East - West - 99.95 ft., North - South - 100 ft., Total - 9,995.sq.ft.

**Place : Banaswadi, Date : 22-03-2024** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office :** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ICICI Bank** | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address | Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced | Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice | NPA Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Sudhagar V & Velu/ Sr No. 660/ 5B/A2 New Sr No. 1093/18 Mariyamman Koil Street, Arijana Colony, Sandhapettai Madura, Tirukovilur Town Sro Tirukovilur Sr No. 660/5B/A2 New Sr No. 1093/18 VILLUPURAM- 605758/ LBPDY00005788214 & LBPDY00005843260 | Schedule "A" of Property All That Piece and Parcel of Vacant Plot Measuring To an Extent of 158 Sq.mrts. and Other Easement Rights, Etc. Comprised Old Survey No.660/5B1A2, New Survey No.1093/18, Situated at Harijan Colony, Santhapet, Thirukovilur Hamlet, Villupuram District, Being Bounded On The North By Street South By House of Ms. Unnamalai &shri Sadaiyandi East By House of Ms. Lakshmi, Previously Owned By Ms. Anjalai Natesan West By House of Shri Ayyanar Kannan, Previously Owned By Ms. Vijaya Kannan and Lying Within The Registration District of Villupuram and Sub-Registration District of Thirukovilur, Villupuram District. | 15/02/2024 Rs. 18,63,734/- | 04/12/ 2023 |
| 2. | Saravanan D & Sangeetha S/ S No. 286 1 Kuberan Nagar Kunnathur Village Thiruvannamalai Tiruvannamalai- 606604/ LBTRV00004159722 | Schedule "A" of Property All That Piece and Parcel of Housing Plot No.42 Measuring To An Extent of 891 Sq.ft. (82.80 Sq.mts.) and Other Easement Rights, Etc. In A Housing Layout Known as "Kuberan Nagar", Comprised Survey No.286/1). The Housing Layout Was Curved Out From The Properties Comprised Survey Nos.237/2 (0.89 Cents), 243/B (6 Cents Out of 10 Cents), 243/2 (19 Cents), 243/9(1 Cent), 244/1 (74 Cents), 245/1 (10 Cents), 245/2 (0.25 Cents), 245/3 (15 Cents), 245/4 (8 Cents), 245/5 (10 Cents), 288/1(40 Cents), 253/37 (23.50 Cents). The Above Housing Layout Was Approved Vide Proceedings No.18/2011 of Kunnathur Village Panchayat, Situated at No.35, Kunnathur Village, Polur Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Being Bounded On The North By 20 Feet Wide East-West Common Road South By Lake Canal East By Plot No.43, Purchased Today By Shri Ganapathy West By Plot No.41 Admeasuring North To South, Eastern Side: 41.50 Feet North To South, Western Side: 39.50 Feet East To West On The Northern Side: 22.00 Feet East To West On The Southern Side: 22.00 Feet and Lying Within The Registration District of Tiruvannamalai And Subregistration District of Polur, Tiruvannamalai District. The Above Property Lies Within The Limits of Kunnathur Village Panchayat and Polur Panchayat Union. | 15/02/2024 Rs. 12,38,942/- | 09/12/ 2023 |
| 3. | Sunil Kumar & Kavitha S/ No. S-4 Ground Floor Madhuban Aptartment Lakkasa Bangalore 66/1 66/2 66/3 66/4 Bangalore- 560030/ Lbche00002429809 | Schedule "A" of Property All That Piece and Parcel of Vacant Land, Comprised In Survey No. 322/5, Patta No. 1008, as Per Patta New Survey No. 322/5A, New Patta No. 4268, as Per Patta New Survey No. 322/5B1, Total Extent Eastern Portion of 1636.25 Sq.ft. Out of 2838 Sq.ft., Situated at Old Village Nos. 99, 87, New Village No. 1, Anakaputhur Village, Ayngaran Constructions Sri Samundeeswari Nagar, Alandur Taluk, Kancheepuran District, Within The Registration District of South Chennai and Sub-Registration District of Pammal. Bounded On The:- North By: Thiru Nagar Main Road South By: Property Belongs To Mr. Veerapathra Chettiar East By: Property Belongs To Mrs. Vasantha and West By: Property Belongs To Mr. Nagaiah & Others Measuring: East To West On The Northern Side: 38 Feet 6 Inches East To West On The Southern Side: 38 Feet 6 Inches North To South On The Eastern Side: 42 Feet North To South On The Western Side: 43 Feet Total Extent 1636.25 Sq.ft. The Vendor Having Got A Planning Permit Approval From Member Secretary, CMDA. & Executive, Officer of Anakaputhur Municipality, Chennai- 600 070, Vide Planning Permit Ppa No. 07/2014/C1, Dated 31.01.2014, Ppl No. 139/2013-14. Schedule 'B' (Sale Property ) an Undivided 207 Square Feet Share of Land Right, Title and Interest In The Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule-C That Entire Flat Is Having Flat No. F-3, Having A Total Bulit-up Area of 434 Sq.ft. (Including Common Area) In First Floor of The Building Complex To Be Constructed In The Schedule A Land. | 23/02/2024 Rs. 6,95,501/- | 04/12/ 2023 |

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

**Date : March 27, 2024** **Authorized Officer**
**Place : Bangalore** **ICICI Bank Limited**



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**Demand Notice under Sub Section 2 of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act".)**

We, HDFC BANK LTD hereinafter called as "Bank" do here by issue notice as under. Please take notice that you the following had availed a loan details of which have been mentioned hereunder. Towards the said loan you have created security interest in favour of the Bank on the property described hereunder by way of mortgage by depositing title deed. After availing the said loan, contrary to the contractual obligations you have defaulted repayment of the loan amount together with interest and other charges. Hence, your loan account has been categorized as Non Performing Asset. Therefore, the Bank hereby recall the entire loan and call upon you to pay total amount outstanding in your loan account together with interest and all other charges thereon (details of which have been mentioned hereunder), within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of this Notice. Further, You are hereby put on notice that in terms of Sec.13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured asset detailed hereunder.

If you fail to repay the Bank the outstanding amount, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sec 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other or further legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any applicable provisions of law.

| Sl. No. | Name & Address of Borrower/ Co Borrowers | Description of property (Secured Assets) | A/c No & Amount | Date of NPA | Total Amount /Outstanding Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **1.Mr.Bharani Dharani.S,** S/o Sridharan, No.17103, Prestige Shanthinikethan,Tower Apts Gate-17, ITPL Main Road, Noar Bigbazar, Whitefeild, Bangalore-560048 **2. Mrs. Shobha S,** W/o M R Sridhar, No.17103, Prestige Shanthinikethan, Tower Apts Gate-1,ITPL Main Road, Noar Bigbazar,Whitefeild, Bangalore-560048. | All the piece and portion of the property bearing R.S No 305/1 plot no 3,No,3/17B,sri Raghavendra Nagar, 2nd street,Viratikuppam Village, Vandimedu, Koliyanur Panchayat union, Villupuram District-605602 (described in the schedule mentioned here-below). East by: K V R Layout, West by: Plot No.29, North by: Plot Nos.16 and 17, South by: Layout Road | A/c no: 80919199 Rs.2850000/- | 08.05.2023 | Rs.1265808.75 as on 26.05.2023 |

**Place : Bangalore** **Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg,** **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
**Date : 20.03.2024** **Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.** **HDFC BANK Ltd.,**



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**Place:** Mumbai
**Date:** 20.03.2024 **General Manager (RP & PM)**

My supporters and voters have asked me to contest elections, but I won't go against my party (by contesting as an independent). I am a worker of the BJP, so I won't go against the decision of my party

Kolar BJP MP Muniswamy

# I DID NOT SAY SLAP MODI, BJP, OR RAVI: TANGADAGI

Accuses Centre of breaking promises, including creating 2 cr jobs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KANNADA and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi here on Tuesday defended his Saturday statement at a public event in Karatagi that youth who chant Prime Minister Narendra Modi's name should be slapped.

"BJP is a lying, hypocritical and cheating party. It is sending our youth and children in the wrong direction. I stand by the statement made in Karatagi. The media should publish the full text of my speech. Why did you put only a part of it," he asked reporters.

"Did I say Modi, BJP people and CT Ravi should be slapped? Let BJP listen to my entire speech and then speak. I spoke against the statements of BJP leaders on changing the Constitution. Hundreds of youth have expressed their solidarity with me for my statement. I used the natural language of North Karnataka while speaking politely," he said.

He attacked the Modi government for not keeping up its promises, including creating two crore jobs annually for youth.

"List your (BJP's) achievements in the last 10 years of Modi rule. You are misleading the youth in the name of Modi and other emotional issues. I told the youth to be wise. I have not used unparliamentary words. I would say yes to Modi if he had walked the talk," he asserted.

## 'People will give tight slap to Cong through ballot'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

IN a sharp retort to minister Shivaraj Tangadagi's remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "Wait for some time, people will give a tight slap to the Congress party through voting. The situation in Karnataka has been conducive for the BJP due to Modi wave across the nation."

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> Basavaraj Bommai, BJP candidate for Haveri

He said national leaders will arrive for poll campaign along with celebrities to Dharwad and Haveri-Gadag parliamentary segments. The itinerary of national leaders will be finalised in a couple of days. He also said that the return of Gangavati MLA G Janaradhan Reddy will strengthen the party further in three to four districts.

Later, replying to a query on campaigning by noted Kannada cine artiste Kichha Sudeep for him, Bommai said, talks were on but not finalised yet. Everything will be decided by the party soon.

On demands for change of candidates in some constituencies, Bommai said he had already spoken to sitting Koppal MP Karadi Sanganna and the latter has agreed toe the party line. "Today, B S Yediyurappa was in Davanagere to set things right. On Wednesday, Yediyurappa will go to Belagavi to douse dissidence", he said.

Asked about BJP MLA S T Somashekar declining to support the BJP candidate for Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency Shobha Karandlaje, the former CM refused to comment by saying that only those who make such statements are liable to reply.

Union minister Shobha Karandlaje calls on former chief minister and JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

# BVY pacifies Mandya leaders over JDS pact

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

EVEN as the buzz over former CM HD Kumaraswamy contesting from the Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency as BJP-JDS alliance candidate looms, BJP state president BY Vijayendra met BJP leaders from Mandya to disucss coordination between BJP and JDS members in the segment.

Vijayendra met party leaders from Mandya on Tuesday, including former minister Narayana Gowda, to ensure their support for the upcoming polls. It is learnt that the local leaders expressed their displeasure over alliance.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Vijayendra said both the BJP and JDS are going to work together to ensure a win in Mandya and other Lok Sabha constituencies. "Our intention is to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi by getting more seats from Karnataka," he said.

Meanwhile, Vijayendra is likely top meet sitting Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh, who is likely to miss a ticket from Mandya.

"Our leaders have huge respect for her. I am going to meet her after my Mandya and Mysuru trip. We will give her all the respect," he said. He also junked the rumour of former minister Narayanagowda quitting the BJP.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru North BJP Lok Sabha candidate Shobha Karandlaje met former CM HD Kumaraswamy and sought his support for the polls.

## 'HDK has no option but to contest from Mandya'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hassan

JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda on Tuesday reiterated that his son, former CM HD Kumaraswamy, has no option, but to fight from the Mandya Parliamentary constituency as an alliance candidate.

Speaking to reporters here, he said the party is serious about Mandya.

Also, the JDS workers who visited the hospital where Kumaraswamy was admitted in Chennai, urged him to contest from Mandya itself, in the interest of the party and workers. Gowda added that the core committee, which met recently, also has taken a unanimous decision in this regard. Mallesh Babu will fight from Kolar and Prajwal Revanna from Hassan, he stated.

Gowda was here to address the SC/ST workers' convention on Tuesday, where he again mentioned that both JDS and BJP leaders will campaign together in all constituencies, unitedly, in the interest of the nation.

Addressing the gathering, Gowda charged the Congress with insulting Dr BR Ambedkar. "The Congress never protected the interests of the SC community and the downtrodden in the state."

He questioned the statement of Congress leaders that AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge will become the prime minister, when the latter is not even contesting the polls. The Congress high command instead gave a ticket to his son-in-law.

The JDS core committee held its meeting late on Tuesday, and the party is likely to announces its candidates to Kolar, Mandya, and Hassan constituencies on Wednesday.

Bengaluru Rural Congress MP DK Suresh seeks the blessings of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

# SURESH TO FILE HIS PAPERS TOMORROW

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SITTING Bengaluru Rural MP and Congress candidate DK Suresh, who is facing a tough battle against former prime minister HD Deve Gowda's son-in-law Dr CN Manjunath of the BJP, is slated to file his nomination on Thursday.

He met AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge and sought his blessings, and also invited him to accompany him as he files his nomination at the Ramanagara deputy commissioner's office.

In 2019, the BJP candidate managed to defeat Kharge in his stronghold of Kalaburagi. With the situation being as challenging this year around, Suresh is leaving nothing to chance.

He met a group of key leaders in the Lok Sabha constituency, including senior leaders CM Lingappa, HM Revanna and former KPCC general secretary Syed Haji Ziaulla, to gather support.

### SEIZURES BY POLL OFFICIALS INCLUDE SAREES

BENGALURU: The Annigeri police team seized sarees worth Rs 15,36,000 in Dharwad Parliamentary Constituency. The SST team also seized Rs 20,00,000 cash in D Siddapura check post in Ballari Parliamentary Constituency. Teams on election duty have in total seized items and cash worth Rs 48,56,59,844 of which, Rs 24,91,82,858 is liquor. The Excise Department has booked 765 Heinous Cases, 597 cases for Breach of Licence Conditions, 43 NDPS, and 2,636 cases under Section 15(a) of Karnataka Excise Act, 1965, and 452 different types of vehicles have been seized.

# KSE to file nomination as independent on April 12

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

FORMER deputy chief minister K S Eshwarappa, who is contesting independently for the Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency, has said he will file his nomination on April 12, accompanied by 25,000 supporters.

Addressing a booth workers' meeting in Shubhamangala here on Tuesday, Eshwarappa said he is getting calls from the BJP national leaders to quit contesting independently, so he decided to file his nomination on the first day itself. This decision of his has created a sense of fear in the heart of former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, he added.

Former DCM and Shivamogga independent candidate KS Eshwarappa and others inaugurate a booth workers' meet held in the city on Tuesday | SHIMOGA NANDAN

He alleged that many workers who are supporting him were forced and emotionally blackmailed in the name of PM Narendra Modi and BJP. The BJP in the state has been ruined by some leaders, which is why the party could garner just 66 seats in the latest Assembly election, he claimed.

Eshwarappa alleged that despite getting a clean chit in the '40% commission case', he was denied a ministerial post. His son was denied an MP ticket this time. A conspiracy has been hatched to restrict backward-class leaders from growing in politics, which is the reason behind these hurdles, he added.

"While campaigning, I received good response from the people, and in Byndoor, many loyal workers said they will stand by me. I also received good support in Shikaripura after I conducted a meeting there recently. My son has received a phone call. Meanwhile, I am firm in my decision. I will contest and win for sure," he added. Eshwarappa's son K E Kantesh was present in the meeting.

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar during a visit to the Sri Manjunathaswami Temple in Dharmasthala on Tuesday | EXPRESS

# DKS prepares for 'Dharma Yuddha' with temple run

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday visited Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada and sought blessings of Lord Manjunathaswamy and Annappa Swamy. Later, he told reporters that he sought the blessings of both the deities in view of the Lok Sabha election, which he described as "Dharma Yuddha".

"Sri Manjunatha and Gangadhara Ajja have been protecting me till now. I seek the blessings of Lord Manjunatha before starting any 'Dharma Yuddha'. Lord Manjunatha is known for keeping his word and we have fulfilled our pre-poll promises and implemented the five guarantees. Now, it is up to the people. We will urge them to support us. The Shakti scheme of free bus travel for women has initiated a 'dharma yatra' for them. With the help of our scheme, women are visiting pilgrim centres, including Dharmasthala. People gave us strength to implement these schemes and I am confident that people who are benefiting will support us," he said. He also visited Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr D Veerendra Heggade.

### 'Maximum seats'

Later, Shivakumar visited Kukke Subramanya and offered prayers. Speaking to reporters, the DCM said, "The Congress will win the maximum seats in Karnataka in the Lok Sabha polls."

Raja Narasimha Naik

Raja Venugopal Naik

## It's Veteran vs newbie in Shorapur bypoll

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Yadgir

THE BJP on Tuesday decided to field Raja Narasimha Naik in the Shorapur Assembly byelection to be held on May 7. The seat fell vacant owing to the death of Congress MLA Raja Venkatappa Naik on February 25.

Raja Narasimha Naik, a former three-time MLA from Shorapur, will face Raja Venugopal Naik of the Congress, who is the son of Raja Venkatappa Naik.

Raja Narasimha Naik was the Shorapur MLA three times — 2004-2008, 2008-2013, and 2018-2023.

Raja Venugopal Naik, who is new to electoral politics, and Raja Narasimha Naik, an experienced politician, have already started campaigning.

The notification for the bypoll will be issued on April 12 and the last date for submission of nomination papers is April 19.

The Shorapur Assembly segment (ST reserved) has 2,81,375 voters (1,41,618 men, 1,39,729 women, and 98 transgenders) and 317 polling stations.

# Joshi, Bommai term Cong govt bid to move SC 'hate politics'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

TOP BJP leaders have denounced the state government's move to appeal before the Supreme Court seeking funds for drought relief. They have termed it a political stunt by the government to save its skin and cover up its inability to mitigate the drought situation in the state. They have also called it hate politics.

Accusing the Siddaramaiah government of politicising financial issues, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday said the Union government has not meted out any injustice to the State and released the funds as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission. Also, the Centre did not owe any arrears towards the state as far as the distribution of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is concerned.

"Allegations of injustice in drought relief and allocation of funds against the Centre made by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah are false propaganda. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has already clarified on this immediately after the chief minister, his cabinet colleagues and Congress MLAs staged a protest in Delhi," he stated.

Charging the state government with failing in drought management completely, he said that the entire state is facing the drinking water problem. Instead of taking measures to mitigate such a dire situation, the state government has gone to court against the Center to cover its blunders, which is highly condemnable. "It is nothing but politics of hate," he added.

Meanwhile, former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai dared Siddaramaiah to disclose details of the amounts released under the NDRF to the State during the UPA rule visavis NDA governments. "The state's economic condition has turned horrible, because of which the government moved the Supreme Court. It is nothing but a political stunt," he ridiculed.

Reacting to the state government inviting the union finance minister for a discussion on the release of funds to the state, Joshi said that changes brought by the Centre in the State Disaster Response Fund have helped the state, but Siddaramaih has been spreading canards. Going on an appeal before the apex court ahead of the Lok Sabha elections is just a political stunt, he charged.

The union minister flatly ruled out the Finance Commission proposing a special grant for the State as being argued by the chief minister and said there is no violation of the Finance Commission's recommendation by the Central government. If the state government feels it is not getting enough funds, it should present legitimate arguments before the newly constituted Finance Commission, he added.

PIC: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

### Go door-to-door to increase voter turnout, Girinath asks BLOs

BENGALURU: BBMP Chief Commissioner and District Electoral Officer Tushar Girinath asked booth-level officers (BLOs) to go door-to-door and encourage people to vote to increase the voting percentage in the city. Taking part in the training programme held for election officials of the Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha constituency here on Tuesday, Girinath said the details of the number of voters in each booth will be made available to BLOs and based on that, the latter should go door-to-door and encourage people to vote. Further, he said the city has witnessed lower voter turnout in the past and several events will be organised to inspire citizens to exercise their franchise. "The BLOs should create awareness in the people about the importance of voting and request them to vote without fail," the DEO added. ENS

The Prohibition Enforcement Wing of the Mayiladuthurai police seized 285 litres of alcohol valued at ₹1.9 lakh, and arrested 2 women for smuggling the bottles from Puducherry. The accused allegedly smuggled liquor from Karaikal over the past two days.

# Phone tapping case goes to Telangana ACB

SWETHAVIMALA M @ Hyderabad

AMID the political slugfest over Telangana's phone tapping case, the state's Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) is looking into the corruption charges against accused officials, sources said. The ACB's move comes after revelations that apart from tapping phones, the accused officials extorted hundreds of crores from jewellers, realtors and hawala operators during the previous BRS rule. The accused officials allegedly used the extorted money to purchase villas and other real estate properties on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

So far, three police officials have been arrested in the case. A local court on Tuesday adjourned the case to Wednesday on the petition filed by the police seeking five-day custody of the trio — former Special Intelligence Bureau DSP D Praneeth Rao and ASPs Bhujanga Rao and Tirupatanna.

The accused allegedly tapped the phone conversations of the businessmen and used the audio clips to demanded money from them.

The ruling Congress and the BJP accused the former K Chandrasekhar Rao government of tapping phones of not only Opposition parties but also the then finance minister T Harish Rao's wife and MLC K Kavitha's husband. Alleging that the 'unconstitutional act' was not confined to leaders and businessmen of Hyderabad, Congress leader from Mahabubnagar Srinivas Reddy requested the DGP to set up complaint cells at all district headquarters to receive complaints on phone tapping.

**ALL EARS AFTER YEARS**

TDP Chief N Chandrababu Naidu on a door-to-door campaign in his constituency Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday | EXPRESS

**EXPRESS READ**

## Kavitha moved to Tihar for 14-day judicial custody

New Delhi: A court here on Tuesday sent BRS leader K Kavitha to judicial custody till April 9, noting that the investigation regarding her role in the alleged Delhi excise policy scam was pending and that the purported offence being economic in nature was more complex than an ordinary crime. The court also allowed the ED to file a reply to Kavitha's interim bail plea by April 1. The 46-year-old leader was arrested by the central probe agency on March 15. "Since the investigation is pending, for unearthing the further proceeds of crime and identifying others involved, and further keeping in view the submissions that the offence economic in nature, and thereby being more complex than the ordinary crimes...the accused is remanded to judicial custody till April 9," Special Judge Kaveri Baweja said.

# Residents can avail multiple power connections: KERC

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on March 26, issued orders, directing all the Energy Supply Corporations Limited (Escoms) to allow low tension (LT) residential consumers to avail multiple connections in their premises. An official from KERC said that this is the first time such an order has been issued. The KERC issued to the orders, based on the rising complaints and requests it was getting from consumers.

"There are complaints of inconvenience caused to consumers. They complained that they have to approach the Escom offices frequently, to obtain permission for the multiple connections in their premise. Hence the orders have been issued," the order said.

The KERC power tariff orders, dated February 28, 2024, removed the multiple power tariff slabs and directed for a uniform slab for all consumers. It also allowed LT residential consumers to avail multiple connections as per requirements to their premises. A senior KERC official told TNIE, "There was a lot of corruption and people were getting multiple connections illegally. Now with this order people can legally avail it."

However the order has left state Escoms officials worried, as consumers will misuse it to split their electricity bill and avail the benefit of Gruha Jyothi scheme, which they were not getting otherwise.

This will become a burden on the state government. To this, the KERC official said: "It is up to the Escoms to check the base load of each consumer, and take a call on extending the benefit to them or not. As per the government orders, for new connections, the base consumption is 53 units with 10 per cent addition, making it 58 units."

A Bescom official said: "There is a rider in the order, which reads - The office is directed to propose the necessary amendments to the conditions of supply, following the procedure. With this, we will prepare a petition and submit to the KERC, it will then be placed for public hearing after which it will be approved by KERC and then sent to the government for gazette notification and only then it will be implemented. This procedure will start only after the MCC is completed. So consumers will not get the benefit immediately."

> **There was a lot of corruption and people were getting multiple connections illegally. Now with this order people can legally avail multiple connections.**
>
> - Senior KERC official

## Man loses Rs 1cr in IPL betting, wife ends life

ENS @ Chitradurga

In a tragic turn of events, the lure of making quick money through online IPL cricket betting led an assistant engineer of the Minor Irrigation Department to fall into debt trap to the tune of crores of rupees and finally leading to the death of his wife.

Darshan Babu had obtained a loan to the tune of approximately more than Rs 1 crore from private moneylenders who had been constantly harassing the family to repay the debt. Tired of dealing with the alleged harassment by moneylenders, his homemaker wife, Ranjitha (24) hanged herself to death on March 18 at the couple's residence at Basava Layout in Holalkere town.

According to the police, Ranjitha learnt about her husband's betting addiction in 2021, a year after her marriage to Darshan.

## 'Investigating officers kept accused in illegal custody'

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THE SPP, representing the SIT and CID, submitted that the petitioner and other investigating officers kept Shriki and Robin in illegal custody in 2020 and allowed Santhosh to take control of Robin's crypto wallet, email and bank accounts. They got the password changed, took complete control of personal access and transferred the cryptocurrencies from Robin's account to Santhosh's personal wallet.

Refuting the allegations, Lakshmikanthaiah claimed that he had conducted the investigation under the supervision of superior officers. However, the investigating officers have been made scapegoats for political vendetta. The report given by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) states that the residues of the drug were not detected in Shriki's blood and urine samples. This shows that the allegation of administering the drug is false, he said.

The SPP said the petitioner cannot claim that the acts done by him were under the supervision of the superior officers. The SIT is also looking into the role of the officers. The 51st Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Yashawanth Kumar, said there is no explanation from the petitioner on why he took Shriki and Robin to a private lab when there are cyber experts and FSL in the police department. The petitioner also has no explanation on handing over the seized mobile phone to Santhosh and why it was damaged. Therefore, at this stage, there are prima facie materials against him. The petitioner being an investigating officer, his act is all the more serious, the judge said while granting bail with some conditions.

# Four meet watery grave in Cauvery at Muthathi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

IN a tragic incident, four individuals drowned in the Cauvery river at Muthathi in Malavalli taluk on Tuesday. According to police, the victims, identified as Nagesh (40), his son Bharat (17), Guru Kumar (32) and Mahadev (16), met their demise around 12.30 pm. The Cauvery river, knwon for its treacherous whirlpools and strong currents, poses significant risk to visitors at the famous picnic spot of Muthathi, claiming several lives in the past.

A group of 50 family members from Kanakagiri in Mysuru had travelled in a bus to the revered religious destination of Muthathi to partake in the special puja organised by their family member Bhagyamma Raju from Kanakanagar at Sri Muthuraya Swamy Temple in the taluk.

During the event, around 20 of them had entered the river to beat the summer heat. Tragically, Nagesh ventured too far into the waters. Unable to swim back, he cried for help. In an effort to rescue him, Bharat dived. However, when both of them started to drown, their relatvies Mahadev and Guru jumped in, only to succumb to the powerful currents themselves. The police and the fire department rushed to the spot. With the help of expert swimmers, all 4 bodies were recovered. Halaguru police are investigating the case.


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ई–निविदा सूचना सं. / e- Tender Notice No :- PT-AC-23-037/ PT-AC-23-038/ तिथि/ Date. 25.03.2024

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On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Supply and Replacement of Three-way Mixing valves of AHU's, Butterfly valves, Non-return Valves and Y-strainers connected through chilled water pumps and condensers water pumps of Unified AC Plant at Control centre area, SDSC SHAR (Aircondition work)" (Estimated cost: ₹20.32 Lakhs) & "Miscellaneous works for Air-Conditioning Plants at SDSC SHAR for one year (Aircondition work) (Estimated cost: ₹25.06 Lakhs)**. Tender documents can be downloaded up to **09.04.2024, 14:30** hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

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**Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale Of Immovable Properties**

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at **"SOMA MERIT', No.9, Ground Floor, Venkataswamy Naidu Street, Taskar Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051"** under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS and WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iiflonehome.com

| Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Description of the Immovable property / Secured Asset | Date of Symbolic Possession | Reserve Price | Date of Inspection of property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Mr. Narendra Babu K R<br>2. Mrs. Mamatha N<br>**(Prospect No 777585)** | **15-Nov-2022**<br>**Rs. 25,79,329/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Only)<br>**Bid Increase Amount**<br>**Rs. 50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) | All that part and parcel of the property bearing land no.55 With Land Area Ad Measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., situated at Ismayeel Thota (Thengina Thota), Bangalore North Taluk PID Khatha no.87/3, Bangalore, 560073, Karnataka, India (Built up area 1800 sq. ft.) | **22-Feb-2023**<br>**Total Outstanding As On Date 05-Mar-2024**<br>**Rs. 27,15,870 /-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Only) | **Rs. 78,72,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Only)<br>**Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)**<br>**Rs.7,87,200/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Only) | 24-Apr-2024 11:00 hrs -14:00 hrs<br>**EMD Last Date**<br>26-Apr-2024 till 5 pm.<br>**Date/Time of E-Auction**<br>29-Apr-2024 11:00 hrs.-13:00 hrs. |

**Mode of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www. iiflonehome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.**
**Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.**
**For balance payment, upon successful bid, has to pay through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the Account:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Chartered Bank, c) Account No:-9902879xxxxx followed by Prospect Number, d) IFSC Code:- SCBL0036001, e) Bank Address: Standard Chartered Bank, 90 M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001.**

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2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
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4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
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7. For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- auction.hl@iifl.com
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10. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
11. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

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The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place : BANGALORE
Date : 27.03-2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For IIFL Home Finance Limited.



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**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW - PGT ENGLISH (PURELY TEMPORARY BASIS)**

Walk-in-interview is scheduled at Sainik School Kalikiri on **12 Apr 2024** for the following vacancy **PURELY ON TEMPORARY BASIS** not exceeding 179 days.

| S. No | Post | No. of Vacancies | Qualifications, Age & Consolidated Remuneration | Time of Reporting |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | PGT (English) | One Vacancy (Temporary Post for a short period not exceeding 179 days) (**Reserved for OBC-NCL**) | Age: 21-40 years as on 12 Apr 2024. For Qualification and remuneration, please visit School Website https://sskal.ac.in | 12 Apr 2024 0930 Hrs (Friday) |

Please visit the School Website https://sskal.ac.in for detailed notification. The appointment will be purely on temporary basis for a very short period. Candidates arriving 30 Mins after the reporting time will not be allowed for the interview. No TA/DA is admissible for the interview. Candidates should be present along with the original documents as per the essential qualifications mentioned in school website. No correspondence through post will be made in this regard. **The school administration reserves the right to cancel the vacancy due to administrative reasons**.

**Sd/-PRINCIPAL**



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**Type of Facility & Loan Account Number : Cash Credit 004113100010396, Term Loan : 004130100049875**
**Amount Due : (As on 29.02.2024) Rs.12,12,50,025.88 | Date of Notice : 14-03-2024 | Date of NPA : 31-05-2017**

The Demand notice u/sec. 13(2) of SARFAESI Act sent by Registered Post with AD have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors. I have reason to believe that you are avoiding the service of demand notice. Therefore, the contents of the said Demand Notice published in the News Paper.

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1) Please note that if you fail to remit the dues within 60 days and if Bank exercise s all its rights under this act and if the dues are not fully satisfied with the sale of the proceeds of the secured asset, we shall be constrained to take appropriate legal action against you in a court of Law/Debt Recovery Tribunal for recovery of the balance amount from you. 2) As per 13(13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained from disposing of or dealing with the above securities except in the usual course of business without the consent of the Bank. Please note any violation of this section entails serious consequences. 3) Your kind attention is invited to provision of subsection (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

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**Place : Hubballi**

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BY Vijayendra, Karnataka BJP president

# WILL NAMMA B'LURU ELECT ITS FIRST WOMAN MP THIS TIME?

## BJP's Shobha Karandlaje, Cong's Soumya Reddy to create history?

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

NOT a single woman MP has been elected from Bengaluru although 17 Lok Sabha elections have been held in the past 73 years.

Now, both Congress and BJP have fielded "strong" women candidates for Bengaluru South and Bengaluru North constituencies, respectively. It remains to be seen if voters of the IT city will elect a woman to the Lok Sabha for the first time.

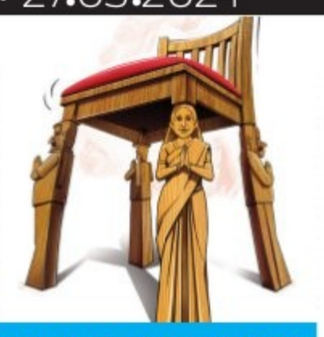
Bengaluru, which had two Lok Sabha constituencies till 2009, has three since then. This time, BJP has fielded Union Minister for State Shobha Karandlaje for Bengaluru North and Congress has chosen Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy's daughter Soumya Reddy for Bengaluru South.

Former mayor and Congress leader Gangambike Mallikarjun told TNIE that Lingayat social philosopher Basavanna had stressed the need for women leadership in various walks of life. Indira Gandhi was the country's first and the only woman PM. "Considering all this, we should have had many women leaders in top positions in the country. But, women are yet to get their proper share of representation in all elected bodies," she added.

Recalling her own experience, Gangambike said she aspired to contest from the Chickpet Assembly constituency on a Congress ticket last year. "I was Bengaluru mayor and had also worked in many positions not only in the party, but also in various associations and organisations. Just because I am a woman, I was not given a ticket for Chickpet," she added.

Unfortunately, no political party is keen on giving more representation to women in politics. Reservation for women in various elected bodies should be implemented properly, she said. Bengaluru should be represented by women in the Lok Sabha. "Bengaluru has unique problems and women candidates can tackle them effectively by not getting influenced by any vested interests," the former mayor said.

Karnataka has elected 15 women MPs in the past 17 LS elections, including bypolls. Indira Gandhi contested from Chikkamagaluru in the 1978 LS bypoll, which gave her political rebirth. This time, BJP has chosen Shobha for Bengaluru North and Gayathri Siddeshwar for Davanagere. The Congress has also selected a few women candidates.



### PROMINENT WINNERS

- Sarojini Mahishi was the first woman MP elected four times from Dharwad North Lok Sabha constituency (1962-1980).
- In 1978, Indira Gandhi won Chikkamagaluru LS bypoll against Veerendra Patil.
- Tejaswini Gowda defeated JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda in the 2004 LS polls from Kanakapura constituency
- In 1999, former AICC president Sonia Gandhi fought against former BJP's Sushma Swaraj in Ballari and won.
- In 2019, actor Sumalatha Ambareesh won the Mandya seat as an independent candidate.

# 12 yrs on, BJP rebel politics raises head in Shivamogga

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI @ Shivamogga

AFTER a gap of 12 years, Shivamogga district is again witnessing 'rebel politics', with one of its top backward class leaders and former deputy chief minister KS Eshwarappa contesting as an independent, protesting against the denial of a BJP ticket to his son and claiming that his fight is against family politics.

From the day he announced his decision to contest, Eshwarappa has reiterated several times that he will not withdraw his candidature at any cost. During his campaigning in some places, he said he is contesting as a mark of protest against family politics, where power is concentrated with former chief minister BS Yediyurappa's family. He said that despite the Haveri parliamentary constituency seat being promised to his son KE Kanthesh, it was denied at the last minute.

"How come so much power is concentrated with Yediyurappa's family? Yediyurappa is a member of the BJP Parliamentary Board Committee, elder son BY Raghavendra is a sitting MP and is again looking at reelection and younger son BY Vijayendra is an MLA and state BJP president. There is a need to clean the state of family politics," he said.

On the directions of Yediyurappa, Kanthesh (KS Eshwarappa's son) went to Haveri and started working. But he was denied the ticket

KS Eshwarappa, Shivamogga independent candidate

Senior BJP leader from the district and MLC RK Siddaramanna asked Eshwarappa, "Would you talk about cleansing the state of family politics if your son had got the ticket?"

That million-dollar question is yet to be answered by Eshwarappa.

A similar situation existed during the 2013 Assembly elections, when Yediyurappa floated a new political party, Karnataka Janata Paksha (KJP), on December 9, 2012, protesting against the party snatching his position. KJP contested from 203 assembly constituencies across the state and won six seats, including Shikaripura. Yediyurappa, however, dissolved KJP on January 9, 2014 before the general elections and merged it with BJP. He went on to become a BJP MP and later chief minister twice in 2018 for a week and from July 26, 2019 to July 28, 2021. He has been staying away from electoral politics since then.

In the 2023 Assembly elections, the party high command asked Eshwarappa not to contest the elections, indicating that it was the end of his electoral politics. He accepted the dictat and was later making efforts to find a political career for Kanthesh.

"On the directions of Yediyurappa, Kanthesh went to Haveri and started working. But he was denied the ticket," Eshwarappa said.

Shivamogga district, considered a saffron party stronghold, has evolved since 1980 and has witnessed its leaders Yediyurappa become chief minister and Eshwarappa DCM. In fact, both leaders worked together to build the party across the state. They also ensured the BJP came to power for the first time in South India in Karnataka.

Some senior BJP leaders in the district said, "It was Yediyurappa then, and it is Eshwarappa now. But voters are keeping a close watch on the developments in the district."

# No cakewalk for Joshi as seer likely to enter fray

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE upcoming Lok Sabha elections are expected not to be a cakewalk for four-time MP and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi. Reason: A candidate from the influential Lingayat community is likely to contest the elections from the Dharwad Lok Sabha constituency as an independent.

Dingaleshwar Swamiji's candidacy is expected to be announced in the next couple of days, and even if a small percentage of the 5.5 lakh Lingayats vote for him, it could spell trouble for Joshi as Lingayats have mostly voted for the BJP in the past.

Joshi, a four-time MP from the Dharwad segment, is an influential leader from Karnataka and is currently Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal, and Mines.

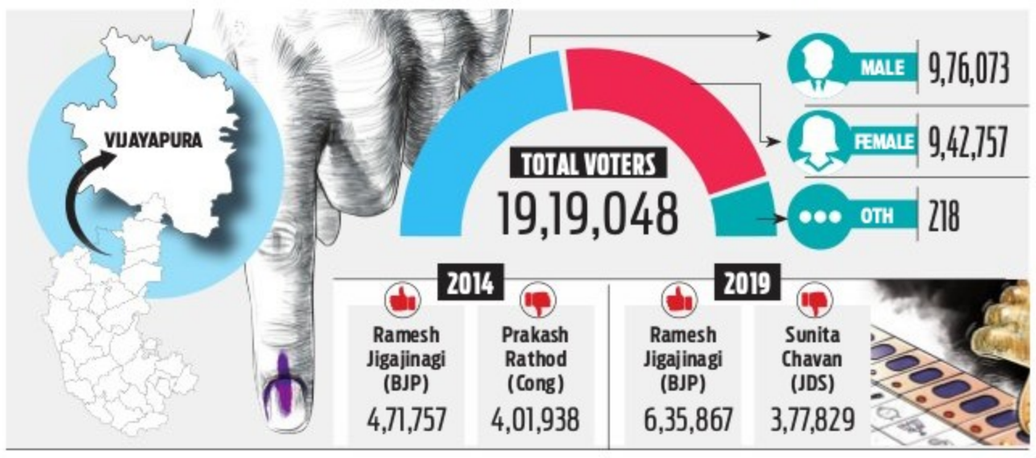
When contacted, the Veerashaiva Mahasabha said that they were aware of the latest development and said they would not raise any objection to any Lingayat contesting from Dharwad.

Meanwhile, Dingaleshwar Swamiji has called for a meeting of seers at his mutt on Wednesday morning, where several issues, including his candidature, are likely to be discussed. When contacted, Dingaleshwar Swamiji refused to divulge any details about his candidacy.

The Congress has fielded Vinod Asuti, a Kuruba, from the Dharwad segment. Dharwad District Minister Santosh Lad said that Dingaleshwar Swamiji is an intellectual and extremely articulate, and has a large following.

The constituency is home to 5.5 lakh Lingayats, 3.5 lakh Muslims, 2.7 lakh SCs, and 2 lakh Kurubas. The Lingayats had supported Joshi, a Brahmin, even when Vinay Kulkarni, a Lingayat, had contested against him.

When contacted, BJP Dharwad district chief Thippanna Majagi said, "As a party, we are not perturbed. Our leader, Pralhad Joshi, has been instrumental in implementing several development projects in Dharwad. Besides, when a Lingayat candidate (Vinay Kulkarni) contested against Joshi, the latter defeated him convincingly. Last time, the lead was over 2.05 lakh votes, and so we are prepared to face any candidate." Of the eight Assembly segments in Dharwad, BJP and Congress emerged victorious in four seats each in last year's Assembly polls. A political pundit opined that if the Linagayats entirely do not vote for Joshi, then there could be a problem for BJP.




# Hat-trick hero Jigajinagi may face tough 4th reelection bid

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

LOOKING at the political history of BJP MP Ramesh Jigajinagi of the Vijayapura SC reserved constituency, who has won every Lok Sabha election he has contested, many people humorously say Jigajinagi's destiny has not been written by God, but Jigajinagi himself.

Jigajinagi is one of those rare politicians who has kept winning despite facing severe criticism over not taking up any significant development works.

Having achieved a hat-trick of winning Parliamentary elections from the Chikkodi Lok Sabha constituency in Belagavi district, he contested for the first time from Vijayapura in 2009 when the seat was reserved for Scheduled Caste.

A staunch follower of former chief minister late Ramakrishna Hegde, he was part of the parties floated by the leader. After his demise, Jigajinagi joined BJP.

In Vijayapura, he first contested the Lok Sabha election on a BJP ticket against Congress candiate Prakash Rathod. Despite the strong presence of Congress in the district, he won by a margin of 42,404 votes.

In 2014, the luck turned in his favour again as he rode the 'Modi Wave' to victory by again defeating Rathod, who had been given the ticket the second time by Congress. Then, he won by a margin of 69,819 votes. He became Minister of State of Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation in the Modi ministry. He won the last LS polls by defeating Sunita Chavan, who was the Congress-JDS alliance candidate. It was a hattrick and he won by a margin of whopping 2,58,038 votes.

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The district, meanwhile, has been facing several development issues. Activists and historians, like Krishna Kolhar Kulkarni, have expressed displeasure over successive governments not giving much impetus to the tourism sector in the district which has enormous potential to increase revenue and employment. As the district has no major industries that generate employment for a large number of youth, Jigajinagi himself had announced setting up of a mega fertiliser production unit but it never materialised. Despite Vijayapura being the highest grower of lemon and grapes in the state, it does not have adequate cold storage or processing units for the two horticulture crops.

### Challenges to Jigajinagi

Now, as he faces his fourth Lok Sabha election, it may not be easy for him to win this time. Congress' Raju Algur, a Dalit, belongs to the Chalavadi sect, which has over 2 lakh voters. Jigajinagi belongs to the Madiga sect that has roughly 30,000 votes.

In the last three LS polls, Jigajinagi faced only Lambani candidates, and both sects of the Dalit community largely voted for him. But this time, a major chunk of Chalavadi votes may shift to Algur. Besides, Congress being in power in the state and six of the eight MLAs in Vijayapura district being Congress leaders could help Algur.

## *Cong won't win any seat in K'taka, says BJP poll in-charge*

HASSAN: BJP general secretary in-charge of elections in Karnataka, Radha Mohan Das Agarwal on Tuesday claimed that the Congress would not win even a single seat in the state in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. He asserted that the BJP-JD(S) alliance would win all the constituencies in the state. Claiming that the ministers in the Congress government have fielded their children as candidates, out of fear that they may be removed from the cabinet, he also expressed confidence that candidate related issues in the BJP will be resolved soon. Last week, the Congress allotted tickets to children of five ministers, in its second list of candidates. "In the Karnataka Lok Sabha, BJP (and JD(S) alliance) has already won 28 seats. 25 seats of BJP and three seats of JD(S). There is nothing left for Congress, they will not win even a single seat. I have been touring all around Karnataka for the last one month," Agarwal said. **ENS**

Senior BJP leader CT Ravi addresses a press conference at the party office in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

# BJP holds core committee meeting to ensure victory for Yaduveer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

IN a strategic move ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha election, the BJP has planned a crucial core committee meeting with leaders from the JDS, including BJP state president BY Vijayendra and others.

The meeting aims to discuss various strategies to ensure the victory of **Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar** in the polls for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency.

The decision comes days after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his cabinet colleagues, along with top leaders, held a core committee meeting to strategise for their candidate, M Lakshman, in the same constituency.

Addressing a press meet, city BJP president and former MLA Nagendra emphasised the significance of the upcoming meeting in devising election strategies.

"The agenda includes a visit to Chamundi Hills, followed by a tour of Madikeri, culminating in an evening meeting at a hotel in the city. This meeting will be led by BJP Lok Sabha candidate Yaduveer and attended by BJP and JDS leaders, including JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy," he said.

Highlighting the collaboration between JDS and BJP in the elections, Nagendra described it as a partnership that enhances their political strength, likening the meeting to a core committee session. He mentioned that the state presidents of both parties would provide guidance for navigating the Lok Sabha elections successfully.

He also addressed the recent departure of BJP leader and former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) chairman HV Rajeev from the party, stating that it would not impact the party's prospects.

Nagendra dismissed concerns about individual defections, stating, "I don't care if one or two or three people go."

He expressed confidence that the party would attract thousands of new supporters and downplayed the impact of defections, terming them a natural occurrence during elections.

Nagendra also criticised the Congress's ticket allocation to Lakshman from the Mysuru-Kodagu constituency, questioning why it took 41 years for the Vokkaliga community to receive a ticket.

He accused the Congress of being anti-Vokkaliga and highlighted discontent within the community over the delayed opportunity for representation.

# POSTERS TERMING HEBBAR CORRUPT APPEAR ALL OVER SIRSI

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)

YELLAPUR BJP MLA Shivaram Hebbar, who is expected to rejoin Congress, has been embarrassed with posters saying, "We don't need garbage from BJP", appearing across Sirsi town.

The posters have also come up at the venue of the popular Marikamba fair. The poster shows Hebbar as a corrupt minister in the BJP cabinet. It also has images of the "PayCM" campaign, which Congress took to before the 2023 Assembly elections.

The poster mentions a food kit scam and shows an image of Hebbar along with that of former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai. The poster mocks Hebbar, saying, "The deal is ours; money is yours".

Asked about this during his visit to the Marikamba fair venue, a visibly unhappy Hebbar said, "I have not applied for Congress membership. Nobody has taken any party on lease. People who are unhappy with BJP will join Congress. Those unhappy in Congress will join BJP."

The poster campaign has come at a time when Hebbar is trying to rejoin Congress before the Lok Sabha elections. But there are many in Congress, including district incharge minister Mankal Vaidya, who want him to join the party. Vaidya said, "He is welcome to the party if he wants to rejoin. He is my friend."

Hebbar has been stating that he will not remain with BJP as he is not happy in the party.

During the recent Rajya Sabha elections, he abstained himself, helping the Congress candidate win. He told the BJP high command that he had health reasons to stay away from the polls, and continued to remain in BJP, though it had been expected that he would jump ship then. BJP went ahead and issued a show-cause notice to him, but nothing much came out of it.

Hebbar's efforts reached the peak when Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met Congress leaders during his visit to Sirsi for Kadambotsava festival on March 6.

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar too arrived in Sirsi and it was speculated that Hebbar's induction would be finalised then. But Sirsi MLA Bhimanna Naik and Haliyal MLA RV Deshpande, both from Congress, were said to have opposed the move. And Shivakumar had made a quiet exit.

What a shameful betrayal of our millennial civilizational traditions this CAA is! Why could we not have granted asylum to all persecuted refugees as we have done since the Jews came to our shores 2,500 years ago?

Shashi Tharoor, Congress leader

# BATTLE FOR 543 SEATS IN 7 PHASES

■ No of seats ■ No of poll phases ■ Poll Dates

**Chandigarh** 1 1 June 1 (1)

**Jammu & Kashmir** 5 5 April 19 (1), April 26 (1), May 7 (1), May 13 (1), May 20 (1)

**Rajasthan** 25 2 April 19 (12), April 26 (13)

**Punjab** 13 1 June 1 (13)

**Haryana** 10 1 May 25 (10)

**Gujarat** 26 1 May 7 (26)

**Goa** 2 1 May 7 (2)

**Madhya Pradesh** 29 4 April 19 (6), April 26 (7), May 7 (8), May 13 (8)

**Maharashtra** 48 5 April 19 (5), April 26 (8), May 7 (11), May 13 (11), May 20 (13)

**Karnataka** 28 2 April 26 (14), May 7 (14)

**Kerala** 20 1 April 26 (20)

**Lakshadweep** 1 1 April 19 (1)

**Ladakh** 1 1 May 20 (1)

**Uttarakhand** 5 1 April 19 (5)

**Uttar Pradesh** 80 7 April 19 (8), April 26 (8), May 7 (10), May 13 (13), May 20 (14), May 25 (14), June 1 (13)

**Himachal Pradesh** 4 1 June 1 (4)

**Delhi** 7 1 May 25 (7)

**Bihar** 40 7 April 19 (4), April 26 (5), May 7 (5), May 13 (5), May 20 (5), May 25 (8), June 1 (8)

**West Bengal** 42 7 April 19 (3), April 26 (3), May 7 (4), May 13 (8), May 20 (7), May 25 (8), June 1 (9)

**Sikkim** 1 1 April 19 (1)

**Assam** 14 3 April 19 (5), April 26 (5), May 7 (4)

**Nagaland** 1 1 April 19 (1)

**Arunachal Pradesh** 2 1 April 19 (2)

**Meghalaya** 2 1 April 19 (2)

**Manipur** 2 2 April 19 (1), April 26 (1)

**Mizoram** 1 1 April 19 (1)

**Jharkhand** 14 4 May 13 (4), May 20 (3), May 25 (4), June 1 (3)

**Chhattisgarh** 11 3 April 19 (1), April 26 (3), May 7 (7)

**Andaman & Nicobar** 1 1 April 19 (1)

**Odisha** 21 4 May 13 (4), May 20 (5), May 25 (6), June 1 (6)

**Telangana** 17 1 May 13 (17)

**Andhra Pradesh** 25 1 May 13 (25)

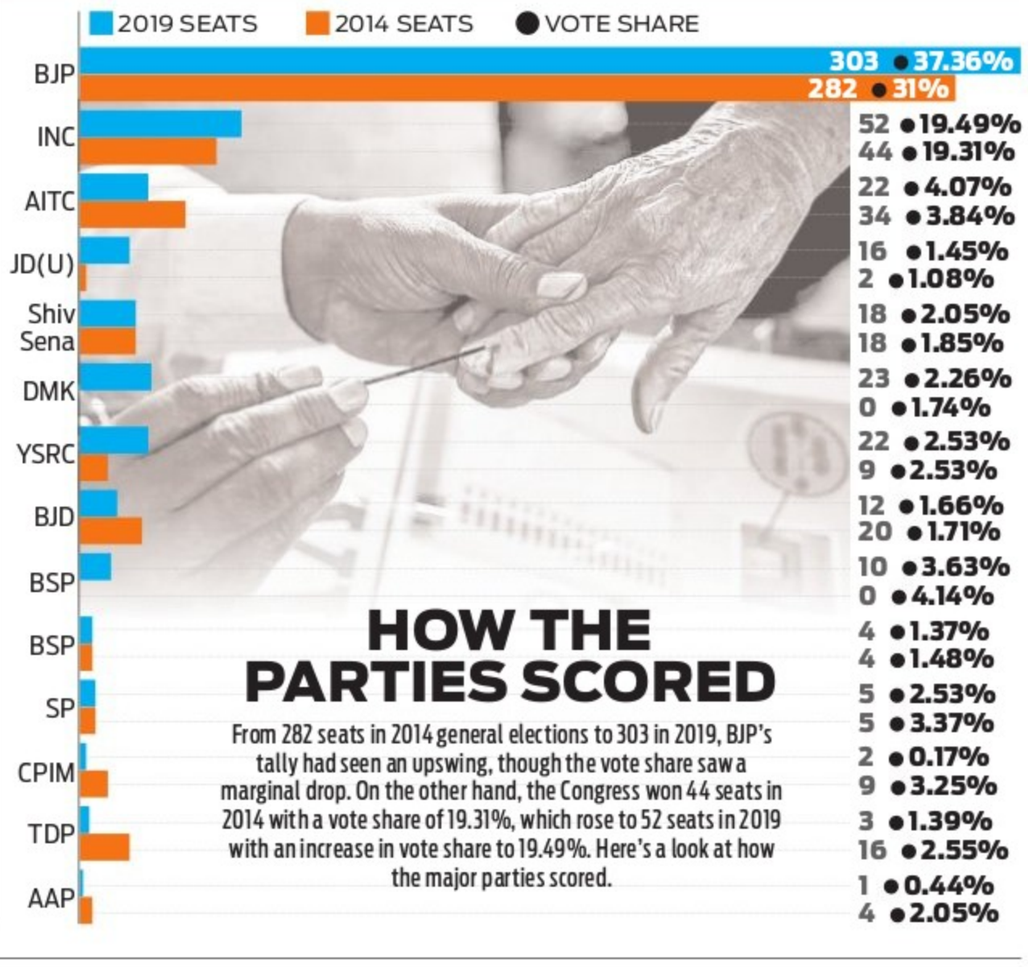
**Tamil Nadu** 39 1 April 19 (39)

**Puducherry** 1 1 April 19 (1)

**Tripura** 2 2 April 19 (1), April 26 (1)

**Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu** 2 1 May 7 (2)

| 2019 POLLS | | 2014 POLLS | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total seats | 543 | Total seats | 543 |
| NDA | 352 | NDA | 335 |
| UPA | 91 | UPA | 59 |
| Others | 96 | Others | 149 |




## HOW THE PARTIES SCORED

From 282 seats in 2014 general elections to 303 in 2019, BJP's tally had seen an upswing, though the vote share saw a marginal drop. On the other hand, the Congress won 44 seats in 2014 with a vote share of 19.31%, which rose to 52 seats in 2019 with an increase in vote share to 19.49%. Here's a look at how the major parties scored.

# PM dials 'shakti swaroopa', Sandeshkhali BJP nominee

Lauds Rekha Patra's fight against atrocities perpetrated by TMC netas

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called up **Rekha Patra**, the party's nominee from West Bengal's Basirhat Lok Sabha constituency that includes Sandeshkhali — the BJP's newest battleground against the ruling Trinamool — and called her 'shakti swaroopa'(goddess-like) for bringing atrocities against women to national limelight.

The party has projected Patra as one of the victimised women in Sandeshkhali, where a local TMC leader and his associates were held responsible for a reign of terror.

A visibly moved Patra said that for her and many others, it was like "Ram-ji" coming to their rescue. "I feel fortunate and secure. Your blessings are with me and other women of Sandeshkhali. It's like being blessed by Lord Ram," she said.

"We demand action against the accused. We have not been able to vote since 2011," she said. Modi assured her that the Election Commission of India will ensure arrangements for peaceful polling. Patra requested Modi to visit Sandeshkhali to help in her campaign.

The PM said Bengal has been the land of 'Shakti'. The term 'shakti swaroopa' is derived from Hindu religious scriptures, dedicated to the worship of gods Durga and Kali.

In her conversation with Patra, Modi lauded her fight against atrocities. "You fought the battle in Sandeshkhali, you are 'shakti swaroopa'. You were instrumental in sending many powerful people to jail. You will win the polls. You are going to play a big responsibility. The country will certainly take pride in you," said Modi.

Patra had filed the first case against the Sandeshkhali incident. In his conversation with Patra, Modi enquired about her campaign preparations and emerging public support for the BJP and her. Modi said Patra has set an example for the country's women.

The PM also motivated her to take the message to the masses about how the TMC government was "anti-people."

She said while speaking to the PM that all women and other residents of Sandeshkhali are happy with her candidature. She assured him that she would continue her fight against injustice done to those associated with TMC. Describing herself as a daughter of Basirhat, she said that she would get support from everyone.

She said she has no enmity with anyone. "I will do something to ensure that no one goes very far to work," she said, adding that the situation in Sandeshkhali has been a matter of concern since 2010. "Had we been allowed to vote freely, the situation would not have come to such a pass. I want to protect the honour and dignity of people," she asserted.

The polls in Basirhat are on June 1. The seat has more than 14 lakh voters, including nearly 7 lakh women voters.

**FIGHT FOR GARHWAL**

Union minister Smriti Irani, Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami and other leaders during a public meeting held on the day of nomination of BJP candidate Anil Baluni from Garhwal Lok Sabha seat, in Pauri Garhwal district on Tuesday | PTI

# Ensure voter safety against heatwave: EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (EC) on Tuesday issued an advisory to all the Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) detailing the steps to be taken to prevent heat wave impact on voters. It said the Indian Meteorological Department has indicated a "probability of stronger and longer spells of heatwaves this summer" when voting for the Lok Sabha elections 2024 will take place.

In the order, the ECI has asked for strict compliance with the assured minimum facilities and other facilities to be provided at polling stations. This includes setting up voting booths only on ground floors of buildings to facilitate smooth voting experience for the aged and disabled voters. Similarly, all polling stations must have separate entrances and exits.

The EC also recommended that there should be provisions for drinking water facility as well as sufficient 'environment-friendly' disposable glasses in the premises of the polling stations.

The EC has also attached a list of Do's and Don'ts to prevent heat wave impact on the voters as prescribed by the National Disaster Management Authority. It also asked that NCC, NSS, and Scouts & Guides volunteers should be deployed to manage the voters' queue.

The CEOs were told to direct the poll officials to post dedicated officers, who could provide initial treatment in the event of a person getting sunstroke. Facilities should be available to take the affected person to the nearest health centre, it said.

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## *6 Cong rebel MLAs get BJP ticket*

All six Congress rebels, who were disqualified from the Himachal Pradesh assembly and later joined the BJP, have been given tickets by the saffron party for the assembly bypolls to be held on June 1. Tickets have been given to Sudhir Sharma (Dharamshala), Rajinder Rana (Sujanpur), Ravi Thakur (Lahaul Spiti), Inder Dutt Lakhanpal (Barsar), Chaitanya Sharma (Gagret), and Devender Bhutto (Kutlehar) for the six seats that fell vacant due to their disqualification.

## *Sikkim CM in assembly poll race*

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang was among the 16 candidates who filed their nomination papers on Tuesday for the assembly elections in the state. Tamang and his MLA son Aditya Golay filed their papers for the Soreng-Chakung constituency as SKM candidates. Golay filed the papers as Tamang's substitute candidate, said a statement. Golay is the incumbent MLA of Soreng-Chakung. The CM is also fighting the polls from the Rhenock seat.

# Amid talk of unease, Tejashwi says consensus reached in Bihar

PARVEZ SULTAN & RAMASHANKAR @New Delhi/Patna

WHILE there had been talks of unease between the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Congress over seat-sharing in Bihar, former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav on Tuesday said that both the parties, along with the Left parties, have reached an agreement to contest Lok Sabha elections together and an announcement would be made in a day or two.

"Our alliance has been the oldest. We have been together under different circumstances and contested elections against the ideology of the BJP. We are together and the news about the breaking of our alliance is BJP's agenda being circulated," said the RJD leader after holding a meeting with Congress leaders at the residence of MP Mukul Wasnik in Delhi.

Talks of unease between Congress and Lalu Prasad's RJD was rife when the latter allocated symbols to candidates before finalising seat allocations.

### RLJP prez meets BJP brass

Meanwhile, trouble has not ended for Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) chief Pashupati Kumar Paras, who was recently sidelined by the BJP in favour of his nephew and LJP (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan. After Chirag, Bihar RLJP president Prince Raj had a meeting with a senior BJP leader on Tuesday. Prince is the son of former LJP MP (late) Ram Chandra Paswan, younger brother of LJP founder (late) Ram Vilas Paswan.

Meanwhile, five seats in the state are being seen as the source of seat-sharing discord between the grand alliance allies. Congress, RJD and three Left parties have staked claims to Aurangabad, Begusarai, Katihar, Purnea and Siwan.

Lalu fielded JD(U) turncoat Abhay Kushwaha from Aurangabad, infuriating Congress leader Nikhil Kumar, a claimant to the seat.

RJD and Congress are staking claim to Purnea seat. While RJD wants to field former MLA Bima Bharti from Purnea, Congress wanted to give ticket to Pappu Yadav from the seat.

Similarly, RJD wants to give ticket to former assembly speaker Awadh Bihari Choudhary from Siwan, but CPI (ML) is also adamant on the seat.

Congress want to field Kanhaiya Kumar from Begusarai, but CPI named its three-time MLA Awadhesh Kumar Rai.

## *Cong announces 7th list of 5 candidates*

The Congress on Tuesday released its seventh list of five candidates for the Lok Sabha elections — four from Chattisgarh and one in Tamil Nadu. While R Sudha was fielded in Tamil Nadu's Mayiladuthurai seat, in Chhattisgarh, the party fielded Shashi Singh from Sarguja (ST), Menka Devi Singh from Raigarh, Devender Singh Yadav from Bilaspur and Biresh Thakur from Kanker (ST). The Mayiladuthurai constituency was with DMK in the last elections. Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar had been an MP from this constituency thrice earlier.

# EDITORIAL

"Which is more musical, a truck passing by a factory or a truck passing by a music school?" — John Cage

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— Ramnath Goenka

## TELANGANA BUGGING CASE RENEWS CALL FOR BETTER OVERSIGHT

A serious issue that was flying under the radar in Telangana till recently swung to the centre of the political battlefield this week. About a fortnight ago, a deputy superintendent of police at the state's Special Intelligence Branch (SIB) was arrested for allegedly tapping the phones of a large number of people. By some accounts, he was eavesdropping on around 1,200 people from different walks of life including politics. On Tuesday, former minister K T Rama Rao of the BRS, during whose time in power the phone-taps are said to have been ordered, urged current Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to order a probe, even as several Congress and BJP leaders claimed their phones had been tapped.

The remand report of D Praneeth Rao, the accused DSP who had been at the SIB since 2016, reads like the script of a riveting intelligence drama. He apparently had two rooms equipped with 17 computers exclusively for his use, with servers located in different places. Following the change of guard in the state, he allegedly destroyed the hard drives and threw away the pieces in Anantagiri forest. Former SIB chief T Prabhakhar Rao, who was retained in the position as officer on special duty even after his retirement in 2020, has now been named the prime accused; he is reported to be in the US for medical treatment. Additional superintendents N Bhujanga Rao and M Thirupatanna, who were arrested on Saturday, have also been named among the accused.

Was it taken for granted that an SIB official could tap phones with impunity even without proper authorisation from the home ministry? If this was the case, and opposition leaders were not spared, what about the common man? The Supreme Court has made it clear in different verdicts that the right to privacy is a fundamental right. The top court ruled in the *Puttaswamy* case that the right to privacy is an intrinsic part of the Constitution's Article 21. Though there are restrictions, any interference or violation must be sanctioned by law. It is also difficult to understand how the shenanigans in Telangana fall under the categories defined in Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. One possible way of preventing unwarranted wire-tapping by agencies is to introduce legislative oversight. This way, the powers that be will at least think twice before misusing the agencies for political gain.

## HARDIK BOOING UNLIKE INDIAN CRICKET FANS

ON Sunday, there was an unfamiliar incident during the match between Gujarat Titans and Mumbai Indians at Ahmedabad. Unfamiliar because it is not usually associated with Indian cricket—booing, though there are exceptions. But it has not been seen in franchise cricket the way it is prevalent, say, in European football. Some of us may remember that a pig's head was thrown at Luis Figo after he moved to Real Madrid from Barcelona in the early 2000s. The football world is strewn with such incidents of hooliganism and atavistic rituals. Yet, despite the IPL being 17 years old, there has hardly been any booing or lewd gesture thrown at players by opposing fans.

That's why it was a surprise when the Ahmedabad crowd booed Hardik Pandya as the Mumbai Indians captain walked in for the toss. Booing is not unheard of in cricket, but it's rare. It's simply because fans identify a player with the national team first, before the club. Stars are cheered irrespective of their franchise allegiance. Take this season's first match, where Virat Kohli was loudly cheered when he was in the Chennai Super Kings den. However, as the adage goes, there is no smoke without fire. Hardik was the Gujarat captain and, suddenly late last year, moved to Mumbai, where he was declared the captain replacing Rohit Sharma. Touted as the next big thing for a long time, India had been grooming Hardik as a GenNext leader. Perhaps the fans have not taken to it sportingly enough. Leading the team against his former club, too, had its own peril. Since Rohit is one of the most loved players in Indian cricket and has quite a big fan following, things will not be easy for Hardik. With Jasprit Bumrah, one of the best bowlers in the Mumbai mix, also being overlooked for captain, Hardik will constantly be under the scanner.

Though there is immense support for the teams from Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai or Kolkata, the IPL inter-franchise rivalry is yet to reach the heady heights of the Premier League or La Liga. With more IPL matches sharpening the rivalries, this might just be the beginning of extreme fan reactions. However, as long as fans identify with the national team's success and its stars, the Hardik incident will always be a rarity.

**QUICK TAKE**

### CONDEMN & STOP SEXIST ATTACKS

SOME level of mudslinging is inevitable in an election season. But the derogatory remark made on Congress leader Supriya Shrinate's social media account about BJP's Lok Sabha candidate from Mandi Kangana Ranaut has hit a new low. The distasteful remark equating the Himachal town with prostitution should be condemned by all, irrespective of political affiliation. Shrinate's initial defence that someone else "with access" to her accounts posted it is indefensible, because it's her prerogative to give that right. Let us not stoop to using sexist barbs demeaning a profession or person. It should not be difficult for the Congress leadership to unequivocally condemn such comments.

The Kovind Committee is the latest in a number of panels advising simultaneous elections. Synchronising polls will take time, but the possibility is closer than ever in recent decades

## ONE ELECTION WILL ALLOW BETTER FOCUS ON GOVERNANCE

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SOURAV ROY

THE high-level committee headed by former President Ramnath Kovind has provided the template for India to return to the system of simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, which got completely disrupted over half a century ago.

After a comprehensive examination of the constitutional, administrative and other issues involved in bringing about simultaneity, the committee has recommended that this process could begin with a Lok Sabha poll, possibly in 2029. The Kovind Committee's recommendations are not surprising, because several other institutions and agencies have argued in favour of synchronising the elections—including the Election Commission of India, Law Commission, National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, a standing committee of parliament, and NITI Aayog. While all these institutions agreed on the need to hold the elections simultaneously, there was considerable divergence in their views on execution of the plan. However, the Kovind Committee's recommendations offer a 360-degree view of the problem and what appears to be the most practical way to resolve it, although it is rather complex.

The committee held extensive consultations with political parties, citizens and other stakeholders. Among the national political parties, only two out of six—Bharatiya Janata Party and National People's Party—favoured the idea of evolving a system to ensure simultaneity. Among the state parties, 13 out of 33 liked the idea, while seven parties were against it; the remaining 13 parties preferred to remain neutral. Interestingly, four former chief justices of India—Dipak Misra, Ranjan Gogoi, Sharad Arvind Bobde and Uday Umesh Lalit—were in favour of simultaneous polls, as also were nine out of the 12 chief justices of high courts who participated in the consultations.

After taking note of the recommendations from different political parties and other stakeholders, the Kovind Committee stated, "The loss of simultaneity in elections after the first two decades of India's independence has had a baneful effect on the economy, polity and society. Initially, two elections were held every 10 years. Now several elections are held every year." This cast a huge burden on government, businesses, workers, courts, political parties, candidates contesting elections and civil society at large. The committee therefore recommended that the government should develop "a legally tenable mechanism" to restore the cycle of simultaneous elections.

In order to bring about this synchronisation, the panel recommended that the President of India may, by notification issued on the date of the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after a general election, fix an 'appointed date'; the tenure of all state assemblies constituted after that date and before the expiry of the full term of the Lok Sabha shall be only for the period up to the subsequent election to the Lok Sabha. Thereafter, all general elections to the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies shall be held simultaneously.

In the second phase, elections to municipalities and panchayats will be synchronised with this. Further, the committee has said that should the Lok Sabha be dissolved prematurely, fresh elections should be held to constitute a new House, but its tenure will be limited to the unexpired term of the dissolved House. If parliament amends the Constitution and the election laws as suggested, the process of synchronisation could begin with the president's notification soon after the constitution of the new Lok Sabha in 2029, and the alignment of the national and state elections would be completed by 2034. This is indeed a long haul, taking a full decade to finalise, but it is worth it.

As the Kovind Committee has pointed out, we have seen 400 elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies since independence. This is truly mind-blogging and a major impediment to governance and national progress. Democracy should not result in reckless political manoeuvrings and election-mania that leads to policy paralysis, governance deficit and disrupts normal life and the functioning of essential services. The committee has rightly rejected the opinion of the Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist); both claimed that if the elections were synchronised, it would be "fundamentally anti-democratic" and would strike at the root of parliamentary democracy.

Does it lie in the mouth of a Congress leader to put forth these arguments when all the stalwarts of the party who drafted the Constitution—including Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel and Rajendra Prasad—approved simultaneous elections in the 1950s and 1960s. The system suited the party in the first two decades after the Constitution came into being. Secondly, electoral data shows that the people vote differently in the Lok Sabha and state assembly elections these days. There are dozens of examples of this in recent years from states such as Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. As the largest democracy in the world, Indians take pride in the electoral choices they make and in the potpourri of political parties which they have promoted over the years. For example, the Second Lok Sabha had 12 political parties; this number is now around 40.

It is now up to the new government that is formed after the Lok Sabha elections next June to consider these recommendations. Currently, most opinion polls seem to indicate that the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance is headed for a two-thirds majority. If the opinion polls turn out right, one can safely predict that simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies will be on top of the agenda for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his third term for two reasons. First, he has a penchant for diving into the most complex issues which appear irresolute and resolving them—abrogation of Article 370 and reservation of a third of the seats in parliament and state assemblies for women are immediate examples that come to mind. Second, he is likely to have the requisite strength in both Houses of parliament to ensure passage of the constitutional and other legislative measures to bring about simultaneity.

One must look forward to an end to the current chaos vis-a-vis elections and a return to a more orderly electoral exercise once in five years all over the nation, so all governments at the Centre and in the states can focus on governance and national development for much of that period.

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## LOUDSPEAKER RAJ: SUFFERING NOISE POLLUTION IN SILENCE

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THE deafening noise of DJs and public address systems have emerged as a bane of modern life. Many of us—old or young, healthy or delicate, sleepaholic or insomniac—often suffer from uncontrolled cacophony in our neighbourhood or public area. Come elections, and noise levels in both urban and rural areas destabilise lives and inflict misery on helpless citizens. However, the enforcement authorities tasked with protecting us from such debilitating intrusion often turn a deaf ear.

The Centre in 2000 framed the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules that prescribe permissible noise levels or ambient air quality for different areas, separately for day and night time. While the maximum permissible noise level for residential areas respectively for day and night time has been fixed at 55 and 45 dB(A), those for Silence Zones are 50 and 40 dB(A). Rules also state a loudspeaker shall not be used between 10 pm and 6 am, except in closed premises like auditoriums, conference rooms, community and banquet halls; that too, for communication within. Further, a loudspeaker shall not be used except after obtaining written permission of the competent authority. The Rules, however, are confined to books only and flagrant violations are the norm.

In July 2005, the then Chief Justice R C Lahoti held that noise adversely affects the right to life, which is a fundamental right enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution; he ordered that, first, noise level shall not exceed 10dB above the standard ambient noise for the area or 75dB, whichever is lower; second, no one shall use amplifiers between 10 pm and 6 am except in public emergencies; and third, states shall make provision for confiscation of loudspeakers and amplifiers found to create noise beyond the permissible limit. Earlier, in *Church of God in India vs KKR Majestic Colony Welfare Association* (August 2000), the Supreme Court had held even religious activities cannot be blasted on amplifiers.

The rules provide it is the responsibility of authorities, defined as District Magistrate or Police Commissioner or any other officer not below the rank of a DSP, to enforce noise pollution control measures. Anyone can make a complaint and the authority can prohibit emission of such excess noise, besides initiating necessary legal action against the violators. Contravention can make one liable for imprisonment up to 5 years and/or a fine up ₹1 lakh, provided the complaint is filed by 'authorised' officials, which includes central and state pollution control board officials and collectors and sub-divisional magistrates.

While action by such authorised officials have been few and far between, the police, in absence of power to prosecute under the Rules except in states like Karnataka, often treats noise pollution as a "public nuisance" under Section 268 of the IPC, thereby making it punishable under Section 290, which provides for a meagre fine of up to ₹200. The police also move the executive magistrate to pass an order under Section 133 of the CrPC for the removal of such nuisance. In case of failure to do so, the violator becomes liable for punishment under sections 188 and 291 of the IPC, which provide for a maximum imprisonment of only 6 months.

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Only a handful of states such as Odisha, Bihar, Assam and Madhya Pradesh have enacted laws to control the use of loudspeakers. However, prescribed punishments are often too lenient & the laws are observed more in breach. Helpless citizens' pleas seem to fall on deaf ears

National Crime Records Bureau data shows that 7,378 police cases were registered in India during 2022 relating to noise pollution. Almost 99 percent of the cases were registered in Rajasthan alone, while UP registered just one case. As many as 20 states registered no case at all. Rajasthan is the only state that makes contravention a cognisable offence under section 7 of Rajasthan Noise Control Act, 1963, which explains why well-nigh all noise pollution cases are registered there. 99% of cases have ended in conviction, largely because of admissions of the accused since the prescribed punishment is a meagre fine of maximum Rs 250 for the first conviction. Resultantly, the impact of police action is limited and the fear of law minimal.

Only a handful of states like Odisha, Bihar, Assam and Madhya Pradesh have enacted specific legislations to control the use of loudspeakers and provide punishment for contravention. However, offences for violations of noise control limits in these states are non-cognisable in nature and even the punishments are lenient, due to which police action has limited impact. State pollution control boards and magisterial authorities, conferred with power to penalise noise pollution under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, are hardly seen acting. Thus, violations are widespread and flagrant. In the name of religion, temples and mosques openly violate noise limits. Election campaigning turns out to be a nightmare. Community fairs and festivities are also a time for *aperta contra legem*, or flouting the law. The result is the unmitigated suffering of helpless citizens who seemingly have no recourse to relief.

In addition to causing harmful health effects, including hearing damage, palpitation and tinnitus, louder-than-allowed sound symbolises a lack of civility, breakdown of social etiquettes and collapse of human concern. It represents a challenge to law enforcement and an imposition of hooliganism of a few upon the vast majority of silent sufferers. It is time we put a stop to this by ensuring we have befitting laws at the central or state levels, making such offences cognisable and providing for stricter punishment, including pre-conviction confiscation of the contravening equipment. Authorities mandated should also be made to act with sensitivity to protect helpless citizens.

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### Tribal representation

Ref: *Kuki-Zos urged not to enter Manipur Lok Sabha fray* (Mar 26). This is not a good suggestion by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), as this will lead to non-representation of the majority for the tribal areas of the region. They should certainly contest and try to win the fight against misgovernance by the present dispensation.
**K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam**

### Inadvisable decision

The ITLF deserves praise for advising Kukis to vote, especially at a time 60,000 people of the region remain displaced. But its resolve to keep away from contesting the polls is inadvisable. By winning a seat, they can raise their voice against the injustices faced.
**Rajamani Chelladurai, Tirunelveli**

### Two faces

Ref: *AAP keeps up pressure, now on social media* (Mar 26). The AAP may explore ways to fight the BJP in the elections, especially post Arvind Kejriwal's arrest. But innocent or not, Kejriwal evading the ED's summons repeatedly was incorrect. The BJP's efforts in 'rooting out corrupt leaders' may be right, but what about the politicians who have joined the BJP despite scams levelled against them?
**Katuru Durga Prasad Rao, Hyderabad**

### Cash cow

Ref: *IPL first-price: RCB ticket at ₹55,055* (Mar 26). It is evident the IPL is now a money-minting machine for the BCCI. The wealth generated from the IPL could be used to promote not just cricket, but other sports as well, which would be a great service to our nation.
**Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram**

### Ecological balance

Ref: *India needs to bring environment issues to political mainstream* (Mar 26). Several steps have been taken by the Modi government to reduce pollution such as free LPG connections, reducing dependence on usage of fossil fuels, and subsidies for electric vehicles. Yet, more needs to be done. There should be a healthy balance between developmental activity and preservation of the environment. These should not be mutually exclusive.
**Hemanth D Pai, Bengaluru**

### Debate heritage

Ref: *How not to have an opposition-less India* (Mar 21). The article gives a good look at the current quagmire in the body politic of India, but our cultural heritage has a pre-eminent history of healthy debate where open-minded views were shared with all. So why have an opposition at all?
**Sarasvati Prasad, email**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

**Prashant Bhushan** @pbhushan1
The US govt is monitoring reports of Kejriwal's arrest and has encouraged India to ensure "a fair, transparent and timely legal process" for the jailed CM.

**Sitaram Yechury** @SitaramYechury
The corporate-Hindutva nexus forged and patronised by Modi has reduced India as a country of obscenely stark inequalities.

**Mayawati** @Mayawati
The fatal attack on Dalit families by feudal elements in Mukhtyarpur village is sad. The govt should take strict action against the culprits.

# Shah says J&K peaceful, polls to be held in Sept

Says for the first time OBCs have been given reservation by govt

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @New Delhi

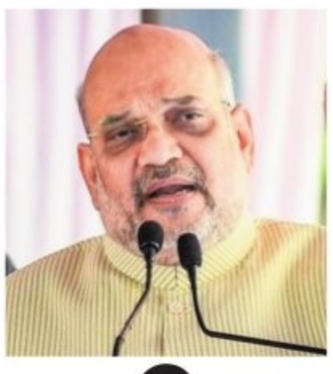
HOME Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday indicated that J&K polls would be held by September, asserting that bringing democracy to J&K was the avowed aim of the Modi government.

"Democracy will not be confined to three families alone and will be a people's democracy," he said, in an apparent reference to three key families of the state that have occupied top political positions.

Shah said that the culture and language of Kashmir have flourished after the abrogation of Article 370. "J&K is moving towards prosperity with peace," the home minister added.

The government has banned 12 organisations, designated 36 individuals as terrorists, registered more than 22 cases involving financing of terror and seized properties worth ₹150 crore. The government has attached 90 properties and frozen about 134 bank accounts so far, Shah said.

Shah said for the first time, the OBCs of Jammu and Kashmir have been given reservation by the Modi government, women have been given one-third quota and OBC reservations have been made in panchayat and urban local bodies.



**The Muslims as well as Hindus living in POK are Indians and the land also belongs to India which has been illegally occupied by Pakistan**

Amit Shah, Home Minister

Speaking at a conclave here, Shah said more than 2 crore tourists visited Jammu & Kashmir and the Formula-4 car racing takes place in Srinagar.

Spelling out his government's objectives, he said that BJP wants to liberate Kashmir from dynastic politics. He alleged that three dynastic parties -- the Congress, the National Congress and the PDP -- always hindered the percolation of democracy at the grassroots. "Now, I am sure that these three parties will be shown the door by the people completely this time," he said.

He said the rise in the number of tourists to J&K reflected a growing emotional integration of Kashmir into India. He said that the Modi government is committed to dialogues with the youths of Kashmir, but not with the organisations that have roots in Pakistan and survive through dynastic politics.

Reiterating India's claim on POK, he said: "The Muslims as well as Hindus living in POK are Indians and the land also belongs to India which has been illegally occupied by Pakistan". Speaking on the effects of the abrogation of Article 370, Shah said the people of the Valley were given the wrong interpretation of the Constitutional measure.

"The Modi government has worked to develop the nation and also Jammu and Kashmir. We have strengthened the economy, secured the nation, reined in terrorism, we have enhanced the nation's pride with our foreign policy," Shah said.

# Arunachal inseparable part of India: Cong

**PARVEZ SULTAN** @New Delhi

ASSERTING that Arunachal Pradesh is an inalienable, indistinguishable and inseparable part of India, the Congress on Tuesday condemned China's claim over the north-eastern state. The party called on the Centre to come out with the 'strongest rebuttal' to the Chinese on their 'pathetic claims' on the state.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian on Monday reiterated China's claim reacting to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's assertions, dismissing China's repeated claims on Arunachal Pradesh as 'ludicrous'. In a post on 'X', Congress president **Mallikarjun Kharge** said that his party strongly condemns and opposes any idea of an iota of Chinese claims on Arunachal Pradesh.

"Arunachal Pradesh is an inalienable, indistinguishable and inseparable part of India. This is the fourth time in a month, that the Chinese have made ludicrous and farcical claims," he said.

Kharge added that China's record in making absurd claims by renaming places and redrawing maps of territories, belonging to other countries, is well known. "Moving beyond partisan politics, we are together in protecting India's sovereignty. However, it may also be underlined that Chinese belligerence is the result of PM Narendra Modi not acting on its 'Laal Aankh' and giving 'clean chit' to China on Galwan on June 19, 2020, where 20 Indian brave hearts sacrificed their lives for the nation," his post on X read.

Seeking a strong rebuttal from the Government, he said that the party wants peace and tranquillity at the borders.

"Be it building villages at the border close to Arunachal Pradesh or kidnapping our people living near the borders, the Modi government's 'Please China Policy' has endangered our national security in Arunachal. Apart from Ladakh, 'Modi Ki Chinese Guarantee' is being played up in Arunachal Pradesh. We still hope that the Modi government should come out with the strongest rebuttal to the Chinese on their pathetic claims," Kharge said.

# Atal Pension Yojna 'poorly designed scheme': Jairam

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @New Delhi

THE Congress on Tuesday attacked the Modi government over the Atal Pension Yojana, saying that it is a 'very poorly-designed scheme' and a 'paper tiger' that needs officials to hoodwink and coerce people into participating in it.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that the scheme is a fitting representation of the Modi Government's policy making, with only few benefits actually reaching the people.

The attack came after a media report claimed that nearly one of three subscribers dropped out of the scheme because their accounts were opened without their "explicit" permission. The report cited a recent sample study by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman hit back at the party accusing it of "hoodwinking" people in the name of vote bank politics. She said, "Jairam Ramesh who is known for using verbal sophistry to hide facts, is being malicious or is ignorant of the basic tenets of designing a good pension scheme". She said that the Yojana is designed based on best practice choice architecture to automatically continue the premium payment unless the subscriber opts out.

In a post on X, Ramesh had said, "The Finance Minister was in Bengaluru on 24 March, where she was proclaiming the benefits of the Atal Pension Yojana initiated by the Modi Government as its flagship social security programme." Nearly 83 per cent of the subscribers are in the lowest slab of ₹1,000 pension, because the monthly contribution for it is low and it goes "unnoticed" by the beneficiaries, Ramesh said.

**Jairam Ramesh who is known for using verbal sophistry to hide facts, is being ignorant of basic tenets of designing a good pension scheme**

Nirmala Sitharama, Finance Minister

**'No explicit permit'**

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# Kangana may take legal action against Shrinate

**HARPREET BAJWA** @Chandigarh

ACTRESS Kangana Ranaut, the BJP candidate from the Mandi Lok Sabha seat in Himachal Pradesh, has strongly condemned derogatory remarks made against her by Congress party spokesperson Supriya Shrinate. Kangana asserted that these remarks were not only insulting to her but also to the people of Mandi, a land revered by saints and rishis.

Before departing for Delhi from Mandi, Kangana said that she may pursue legal action in consultation with BJP national president JP Nadda, who had summoned her. She emphasised her commitment to party discipline and stated that any decision regarding legal action would be made in consultation with Nadda.

Kangana also criticised the tendency to attack the ideology of young women who receive tickets and to sexualize the candidacy of young women. She stressed the importance of maintaining the dignity of all women, especially in Mandi, known as Mini Kashi.

Expressing her dismay, Kangana condemned the Congress for sexualizing the name of Mandi solely because of its young female candidate, deeming it shameful and displaying sexist tendencies. She highlighted the need to liberate daughters from societal prejudices and refrain from using the challenges faced by sex workers as a form of abuse or slur, emphasizing that every woman deserves dignity.

Former Chief Minister and leader of the opposition, Jai Ram Thakur, condemned the derogatory comments against Kangana Ranaut as extremely unfortunate. He emphasised Kangana's contribution to bringing glory to Himachal and Mandi in the film industry and asserted that such remarks would not be tolerated.

Thakur stated that insulting Kangana Ranaut is tantamount to insulting the entire Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh, and the women power of the country, reflecting Congress's attitude towards women. He vowed that the people of Devbhoomi would not forgive this insult to Mandi's daughter by a Congress leader and that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the people of Mandi and Himachal would give a befitting reply to Congress for their actions.

"The insult to Kangana Ranaut is an insult to the entire Mandi district, an insult to the entire Himachal, and an insult to the entire women power of the entire country. This statement by the national spokesperson of Congress reflects the thinking of Congress towards the power of mothers," he wrote on X.

In response, Shrinate denied any direct involvement with the derogatory post on Instagram, claiming it was posted by someone with access to her account.

**NCW writes to EC, urges action over remark**

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has written to the Election Commission demanding strict action against Congress leaders Supriya Shrinate and H.S. Ahir for their derogatory comments against Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut. The NCW in a letter to the CEC Rajiv Kumar requested him for action against the two for making "lewd remarks" against the actress.

# BJP plaint to EC over derogatory remark on actor

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @New Delhi

THE BJP has escalated its stance against objectionable comments purportedly made by Congress Spokesperson Supriya Shrinate. On Tuesday, the party took action by lodging complaints with the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Led by railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, a delegation vehemently addressed the issue of derogatory remarks targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting instances involving Tamil Nadu minister Anitha Radhakrishnan.

The BJP delegation did not mince words, urging the ECI to take measures against violators of the poll code, emphasising a perceived leniency towards such transgressions in states like Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, all predominantly under the INDIA bloc opposing the BJP.

Vinod Tawade accused Opposition leaders of incessantly belittling PM Modi and undermining core values such as 'Nari-Shakti' (women power) for electoral gains.

# Electoral bonds: Poor fund flow for regional parties in Hindi heartland

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @New Delhi

IN eight states of the Hindi heartland, which elect about 200 Lok Sabha members, the fund flow to regional parties through the now-scrapped electoral bond scheme was poor in comparison to their southern counterparts and the BJP, according to data disclosed by the Election Commission and the parties.

The eight states are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Utatrakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Haryana.

The BJP, which is the ruling party in six of the 8 states and in power though an alliance in one, got ₹6986.5 crore through electoral bonds between March 2018 and July 2023. But none of the major regional parties in these states could manage to find a place in the list of big gainers, barring Lalu Prasad Yadav-led RJD, Nitish Kumar-led JD(U) and Akhilesh Yadav-led SP.

UP has 80 Lok Sabha seats, Bihar 40, MP 29, Rajasthan 25, Jharkhand 14, Chhattisgarh 11, Haryana 10 and Uttarakhand 5. In the politically crucial UP, only one out of the five major regional parties received contributions through the electoral bonds, which was introduced by the Centre in 2017. The parties which did not receive funds include the BSP, the Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) ASP, Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) and the RLD.

Making the disclosure on behalf of the party, SP secretary general Ram Gopal Yadav submitted to the EC that the party received electoral bonds worth ₹84 lakh in April 2019 and another ₹3 crore on January 10, 2022, ahead of the UP assembly polls. The party also submitted that in May 2019, ahead of the general election, it received electoral bonds worth ₹10 crore via "unnamed" sources "by post".

Later, in the data released by the EC, the SP's donors were identified as Gurugram-based SK Traders, Jaipur-based BS Traders, Delhi-based AS Traders, Faridabad-based BG Traders, and San Beverages Pvt Ltd. In adjacent Bihar, the RJD in its submission to the EC informed about receiving an electoral bond worth ₹1 crore during 2019 general election and another tranche worth ₹55 crore between July and October 2023.

The JD(U) had disclosed that it received electoral bonds worth ₹24.40 crore – including the first lot worth ₹13 crore in April 2019 and the second one worth ₹1.40 crore in October 2020 — days before the first phase of the assembly elections. The party received the last tranche worth ₹10 crore in January 2022.

The electoral bonds scheme was announced in the 2017-18 Budget on 1 February 2017. The Finance Bill, 2017 made elaborate changes in the Companies Act, the Income Tax Act, the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) Act, and the Representation of People Act to build the architecture of the scheme. The Parliament did, after considerable discussion, pass the Finance Bill to lay the legal bedrock for electoral bonds.

The Supreme Court on February 15 scrapped electoral bond scheme.

# MHA largest facial data with over 100 cr entries to track 'illegal activities'

**MUKESH RANJAN** @New Delhi

THE Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has made a big leap forward in tracking 'illegal activities', as now the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) has the largest facial data with more than 100 crore entries, officials said.

The officials said that facial data of around 80 per cent of India's population would help in tracking criminals. It would also help the enforcement agencies to clamp down habitual criminals during the election, they added.

According to the officials, the facial entries include data captured during Covid-19 pandemic, even when individuals were wearing masks. It is to be noted that the system, which is being used in the NATGRID, is capable of "efficiently accessing and matching" data of masked faces within minutes.

A senior official managing the NATGRID architecture said that the IT infrastructure has signed MoUs with various government departments, including the National Crime Records Bureau, Income Tax department, and police agencies.

Noting that the data has been sourced from different departments operating at airports, the officials said that the Centre has long been spearheading the development of a comprehensive national database aimed at monitoring illicit activities such as terror financing, counterfeit currency circulation, bomb threats, and illegal arms smuggling.

They added that by combining the new technology and intelligence gathering, and their empirical analysis, the government has made a leap forward in proactively deterring different types of security threats.

Keeping in mind the sanctity of the privacy issue, the government has put in inbuilt features in the NATGRID to ensure that no unauthorised personal data could be accessed by anyone, the officials said.

# Border breakthrough: Ladakh gets 3rd strategically crucial road link

**MAYANK SINGH** @New Delhi

AMID the ongoing standoff in Eastern Ladakh with China, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Tuesday successfully cut through a strategically important alternate road link to Leh district of Ladakh. The passage will become the shortest route among the three roads and strengthen defence preparedness.

The BRO said while the nation celebrated Holi on Monday "the intrepid personnel of BRO were tirelessly cutting through vertical rock faces connecting the final stretch of Niraq gorge in subzero temperature." On the planned Nimmu-Padam-Darcha Road, the BRO initiated work from both ends of the planned road.

"The March 25 marked the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication by BRO personnel in one of the most challenging terrains of the world", it said. Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, DG Border Roads said, " In January when the Zanskar was frozen, we used this to our advantage and moved equipment and personnel along the river to establish additional attack points."

"We have established connectivity on this vital axis. Soon we will start work on black topping the road. With construction of Shinkun La tunnel commencing, the third all weather axis to Ladakh will be established," he said.

The Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road derives its strategic importance from the fact that it is not only shorter vis-a-vis the other two axes, but crosses only one pass; Shinkun La (16,558 feet) on which tunnel work is about to commence by BRO.

"This will result in the Road having all-weather connectivity to the strategically important Ladakh region. The provision of connectivity along this strategic third axis to Ladakh will give a quantum boost to our defence preparedness along the Northern Borders."

The Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road is now the third axis apart from Manali-Leh and Srinagar-Leh which connects Ladakh to the hinterland. The Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road has a length of 298 Kms and connects Manali to Leh through Darcha (NH-03) and Nimmu on Kargil-Leh Highway.

# UK warships to undergo maintenance after drills with Indian Naval ships

**MAYANK SINGH** @New Delhi

IN a step towards strengthening military ties with India, the UK's Littoral Response Group (LRG) reached Chennai on Tuesday as the first engagement of its deployment to the Indian Pacific region. These are part of the plans to raise the complexity of the exercises.

In a statement, British High Commission said, "The Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Argus and RFA Lyme Bay conducted maritime exercises with the Indian Navy as they entered the Arabian Sea and will now undergo essential maintenance at the Larsen & Toubro shipyard in Kattupalli near Chennai."

This is the first time a Royal Navy vessel will undergo maintenance at an Indian shipyard – a direct result of the logistics-sharing agreement signed between the UK and India in 2022.

Brigadier Nick Sawyer, Defence Advisor, British High Commission, said: "The visit of the Littoral Response Group attests to the UK's capability and commitment to the Indo Pacific. The sight of Royal Navy ships undergoing essential maintenance at an Indian shipyard is yet another example of the India-UK Logistic Exchange Memorandum of Agreement in practice.

"It also signals the continued growing importance of the strategic defence partnership between the UK and India as we build towards achieving the ambition set out in the India-UK 2030 Roadmap."

Following the completion of its maintenance in India, the LRG will operate in the Indo Pacific to conduct training, exercises, and wider engagement with allies and partners.

As reported by this Newspaper in January, amidst the rising defence interactions with India, the United Kingdom took the decision to send its warships for a Maritime exercise in the Indian Ocean.

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# PM picks Meerut to launch BJP election campaign on March 30

Modi to share stage with RLD chief Jayant Chaudhury in battle for 80 Uttar Pradesh seats

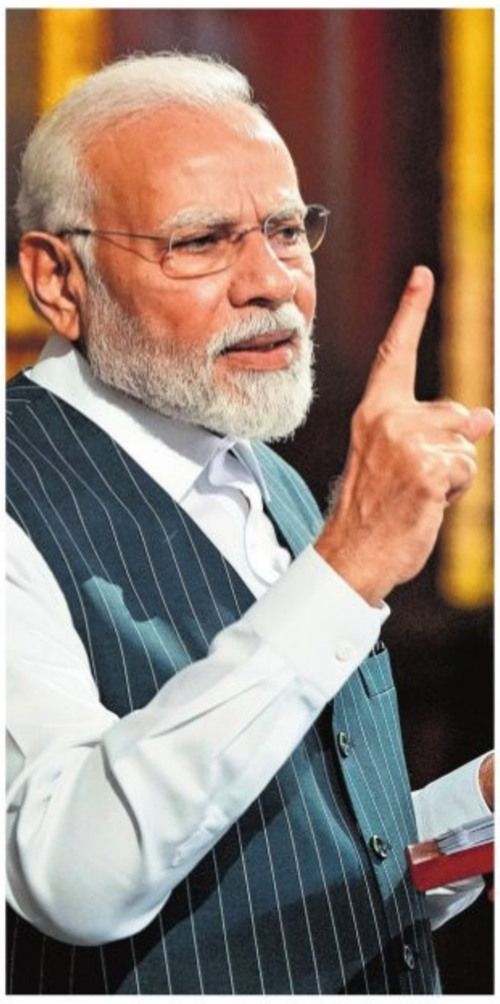
NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is set to kickstart the BJP's Lok Sabha poll campaign in Uttar Pradesh from Meerut, igniting the political arena with a mega rally on March 30 in support of BJP candidate Arun Govil, renowned for his portrayal of Lord Ram's character in Ramanand Sagar's Ramayan during the 80s. This significant event, aimed at bolstering the Ayodhya temple narrative, will witness the Prime Minister sharing the stage with Jayant Chaudhury, chief of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), the newly inducted ally of the NDA.

The timing couldn't be more crucial, as Uttar Pradesh, with its substantial share of Lok Sabha members, holds sway over the formation of the central government in Delhi. Recognizing the pivotal role Uttar Pradesh plays, the BJP is gearing up to achieve its ambitious target of 370 seats in the 2024 elections.

In 2014, riding on the Modi wave, the BJP clinched a staggering 71 seats in the state. However, in 2019, facing a formidable alliance between the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), the ruling alliance's seat count dwindled to 64. Despite BSP securing 10 seats, the SP failed to surpass five. With political dynamics shifting in the state, the BJP is spearheading a robust alliance, encompassing parties like RLD, SBSP, Apna Dal (S), and NISHAD, bolstering its position. This realignment is underpinned by a fervent push for the Ram temple narrative, gaining traction following the pran-pratishthha of Ram Lalla in January 2022.

On the other hand, while Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav aligns with the Opposition bloc, Mayawati embarks on the electoral journey solo. The BJP also eyes western UP with optimism, despite facing setbacks in the last elections. In 2014, the BJP secured 24 out of 27 seats in the region, which dwindled to 19 in 2019, all eight seats going to the SP-BSP combined. However, with RLD lending support, prospects appear brighter. Its influence among the Jats, constituting 2 per cent of the state's population and 12 per cent in certain western UP pockets, could be helpful.



### Ex-IPS officer for Inner Manipur

The BJP named a former Indian Police Service officer as its candidate for the Inner Manipur seat. Thounaojam Basanta Kumar Singh, who is serving as the state's education minister, will be up against JNU professor Angomcha Bimol Akoijam of the Congress. The Inner Manipur seat, spread in the Meitei-majority Imphal, is held by BJP's Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.

### BJP fields 4 Cong turncoat MLAs

Four Congress turncoat MLAs, including former Leader of Opposition Arjun Modhwadia, and an independent legislator, all of whom resigned from the Gujarat assembly in the last few months, were fielded by the BJP for the bypolls in five constituencies. These five seats fell vacant after their MLAs, four from the Congress and an independent, quit and joined the BJP.

JHARKHAND

# Jailed Hemant may contest from Dumka against 'bhabhi'

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

The INDIA bloc is yet to announce its candidate for the Lok Sabha polls in Jharkhand. There is a buzz in political circles that former CM Hemant Soren may contest from the Dumka Lok Sabha seat.

Dumka is a stronghold of Shibu Soren family. The BJP has put up Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in a dilemma by fielding Sita Soren from the seat. Hemant Soren is lodged in Birsa Munda Central Jail after being arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on January 31 in a money laundering case linked to a land scam.

Sita Soren, the elder daughter-in-law of JMM patriarch Shibu Soren and three-time MLA from Jama Assembly seat in Dumka, was married to Durga Soren, the elder brother of Hemant Soren.

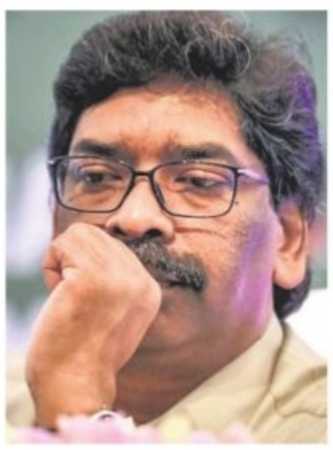
Durga Soren passed away in 2009 at the age of 39, after which Sita Soren entered politics and was elected from the Jama assembly seat in 2009.

Sita Soren resigned from the primary membership of the party on March 19 this year, accusing many JMM leaders of isolating her and hatching a conspiracy against her family members. Within hours of her resignation from the party and Assembly, she joined the BJP.

Experts say the BJP has put up JMM in a spot by fielding Sita from Dumka. If JMM has to regain its traditional seat, then the party will have to find a candidate having a political stature equal to that of Sita Soren, they said.

Party insiders said to make it tough for the BJP, the JMM is likely to field Hemant Soren from Dumka. "Though Dumka is a traditional seat of JMM, Shibu Soren had lost the seat in 2014-Lok Sabha polls by a short margin of about 50,000 votes. In such a situation, the JMM may field Hemant Soren from the seat to regain the ground," said a party functionary.

"Santhal being a bastion of the Shibu Soren family, they will have to field someone from inside the family to counter Sita Soren. therefore Hemant will be the best suitable candidate for the seat," the JMM leader said. Currently, Basant Soren, Soren's younger son, is MLA from the Dumka assembly seat, while Hemant is the MLA from Barhet, Sahibganj, which also falls in Santhal.



### BJP move to field Sita has JMM in a quandary

According to political experts, BJP has put JMM in a quandary by fielding Sita Soren from Dumka. If JMM has to regain this traditional seat of Shibu Soren, then the party will have to find a candidate having equal political stature that of Sita Soren, they said. In order to give a strong contest to BJP, JMM is likely to filed Hemant Soren from Dumka.

WEST BENGAL

# Plaint against Dilip Ghosh over remarks on Mamata

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

TRINAMOOL Congress has filed a written complaint to the Election Commission (EC) against BJP leader and candidate from Burdwan Dilip Ghosh for making derogatory remarks on chief minister Mamata Banerjee.

In the letter that was submitted to EC , TMC mentioned that at a press conference Ghosh while targeting Banerjee said in Bengali "*Didi giye Goa to bole ami Goa r meye , Tripura tea mi Tripura er meye. Baap to thik korun. Jar tar meye hoya thik noy.*(When Didi goes to Goa she becomes Goa's daughter, in Tripura I am Tripura's daughter . Decide who your father is. This is not right"

TMC demands action against Ghosh as this is 'blatant violation of model of conduct.

The offensive remark stirred up a slew of responses from several Trinamool Congress leaders, who took to X to condemn Ghosh's misogynistic remarks.

In the official twitter handle of AITC it was mentioned that "Dilip Ghosh is a disgrace in the name of political leadership. From challenging the lineage of Maa Durga to now questioning the ancestry of Mamata Banerjee. He has wallowed in the filthiest depths of moral bankruptcy.

One thing is crystal clear: Ghosh has ZERO RESPECT for the women of Bengal. TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh called out the "misogynistic leadership" of the party's unit. "Ghosh's frustration from being sidelined by his own party is apparent and his insecurity is shown through his uncouth behaviour," he wrote on X.

MAHARASHTRA

# BJP's allies struggle to cobble up Maha alliance

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE BJP has taken the lead in declaring Lok Sabha candidates in Maharashtra. Except Mumbai South Central, a BJP MP's seat, the party has announced candidates on 23 of the 48 Lok sabha seats in the state. Congress has named 12 candidates while other parties are struggling to finalise candidates.

The BJP is likely to contest 28 to 30 Lok Sabha seats while Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena will contest 11 and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar-led NCP 7. There is also talk that Raj Thackeray's MNS will contest one Lok sabha seat while one will be given to Rashtriya Samaj Paksh led by Mahadeo Jankar.

In Maha Vikas Aghadi, Shiv Sena (UBT) will contest the 20 Lok Sabha seats, Congress 18 and 10 by Sharad Pawar-led NCP. Ajit Pawar on Tuesday declared its NCP state president Sunil Tatkare as its candidate from Raigad. Former Lok Sabha MP Adalrao Patil, who resigned from Shinde-led Shiv Sena and joined Ajit Pawar-led NCP, will contest from Shirur against NCP (SP) MP Amol Kolhe.

After enforcement of the code of conduct for Lok Sabha polls, BJP declared its first list of candidates asking them to take the lead in campaign.

"It was clear from the beginning that BJP will not concede its Lok Sabha MPs' seats. Therefore, except MP Poonam Mahajan's seat, our party announced the candidates immediately," said a senior BJP leader.

"There is a negative survey report about fielding Poonam again, therefore BJP is trying to pursue its MLA and Mumbai BJP unit president Ashish Shelar to contest from Mumbai North Central seat. However he is yet to be convinces. We are also zeroing on other potential candidates for the seat."

The leader added that apart from their 22 seats, BJP is expecting six to eight more. "We have asked our alliance partners not to nominate a candidate just for the sake of fielding. Winnability should be the criteria. Therefore we are asking them to concede the seats if they do not have strong candidates. In next two days, the picture will be clear," he added.

GUJARAT

# BJP in Sabarkantha fix over nominee surname

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

THE BJP is facing a challenge in Sabarkantha constituency in Gujarat. Its first candidate Bhikhaji Thakor was opposed by a section of party workers because of his surname 'Damor', which was later replaced as 'Thakor'. After an uproar, Bhikhaji was replaced by Sobhanaben Baraiya. Calling her a parachute candidate, BJP workers turned up at the party's Aravalli and Sabarkantha district offices on Tuesday to oppose her candidature.

Party sources said the party high command is again reviewing its decision and may replace Sobhanaben with a committed party worker. The BJP has started facing dissent because of the party's decision to import leaders from political opponents and impose candidates on cadre.

First rebel voice emerged from Vadodara where BJP's national vice president Jyoti Pandya opposed party's decision to repeat incumbent MP Ranjan Bhatt. After opposition from cadre, party leaders replaced her with Hemang Joshi. Sabarkantha seat is dominated by Thakor (Koli Kshatriya), Patidars, Dalits, tribals and minority community. BJP had nominated Bhikhaji, general secretary of OBC cell in Aravalli district. Many in the party opposed him calling him a tribal leader and not a representative of Thakor community.

Leaflets were circulated alleging he is not Thakor, which led the party to replace him. Defending his surname, Bhikhaji said he is a Thakor. Coming in support of Bhikhaji, Aravalli district BJP president Rajendra Patel said that along the Dahod-Panchmahal district border, Thakor community members have been using the 'Damor' surname for decades. But these arguments failed to convince the party high command and it dropped Bhikhaji and replaced him with Sobhanaben.

The development added fuel to the fire as party workers were shocked by the selection of an outsider. Her husband Mahendrasinh joined the BJP two years ago after quitting the Congress. Even Bhikhaji opposed her candidature, alleging that she is not a party member. BJP-sources said workers are not supporting Sobhanaben.

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### FIR against Cong nominee in Bastar

An FIR against the Congress candidate Kawasi Lakhma in Chhattisgarh has been registered by the Kotwali police station in Jagdalpur (Bastar), about 300 km south of Raipur, on the complaint of the district election officer for allegedly violating the model code of conduct by 'distributing cash' to people. The case has also been registered against Bastar district Congress president Sushil Maurya. Lakhma was caught on camera allegedly distributing cash to people.

### Nakul Nath's show of stregth

Filing of nomination papers by Nakul Nath, the Congress candidate and sitting MP son of former chief minister Kamal Nath from Chhindwara Lok Sabha, turned out to be a show of strength for the prime opposition party in MP. Top state Congress leaders, including state party chief Jitu Patwari and LoP Umang Singhar joined the father-son duo as the nomination procession traversed in the Chhindwara.

### Ambedkar-led VBA still part of MVA

The Prakash Amebdkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) is still a part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi and discussions with the former are still on, said Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Tuesday. The Rajya Sabha member told reporters that the MVA's proposal of leaving aside four seats for VBA in Maharashtra for the Lok Sabha polls is still open. Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP) and Sena (UBT) are more or less over, said Raut.

# Varun unlikely to take up Cong ticket offer, stays silent for now

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

WHILE the opposition parties are ready to lap Varun Gandhi, who has been denied ticket by the ruling party from his constituency Pilibhit, the BJP MP is said to be considering to remain silent, at least, for now.

BJP has given ticket to UP cabinet minister Jitin Prasada from Pilibhit. He had joined the saffron camp after he left Congress in 2021.

According to sources, in the given scenario, Varun Gandhi, 44, would neither contest independently as a BJP rebel nor would he join any other party, though he was feeling betrayed after being dropped by the party and had decided to keep away from Pilibhit.

Varun's alleged change of stand is attributed to the thought that any action on his part against the party line may hit the prospects of his mother Maneka Gandhi who has been repeated by the BJP from Sultanpur. Meanwhile, besides the Congress's open offer to Gandhi to join Congress, the Samajwadi Party has also been dropping enough indications from time-to-time to accommodate him and give him ticket to contest from Pilibhit.

Though the SP has already announced its candidate from Pilibhit, they could change him willingly to accommodate Gandhi if the BJP leader desired so. As per the buzz around, if the BJP leader joins Congress, he could be fielded either from Rae Bareli or Amethi.

Leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury called Gandhi as a statured and very competent leader who was denied ticket by the BJP for his Gandhi family legacy.

On the other hand, having sensed the party mood against him due to his views contrary to the party line over scores of issues, Varun was speculated to contest as an independent from Pilibhit in the ensuing elections. Even his personal secretary had added weight to the buzz by purchasing four sets of nomination papers recently.

The seat will vote in first phase on April 19. The last date for filing papers is March 27. There were reports that he had asked his supporters to be ready with vehicles from Pilibhit to be a part of his procession.

Congress MP Ravneet Singh Bittu is likely to contest from Ludhiana | X.COM

# Beant Singh kin & Ludhiana Cong MP joins BJP

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IN a major setback to the Congress and INDIA bloc, Congress MP from Ludhiana Ravneet Singh Bittu today joined the BJP and may contest from Ludhiana. He is the grandson of former Punjab chief minister Beant Singh.

The 48-year-old was first elected in 2009 to the Lok Sabha from Anandpur Sahib and then from Ludhiana in 2014 and 2019 on Congress ticket.

After joining the saffron party in the presence of party national general secretary Vinod Tawde, Bittu asserted that the people have made up their mind to elect Prime Minister Narendra Modi to power again.

While recalling the dark days of terrorism in the state, Bittu said his family has seen the worst of militancy and has led the state out of those times. "In those days too, BJP and RSS cadres worked with the people to restore harmony in the society. Now again would work together to main harmony. He added that he had a decade-long relationship with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

He thanked PM Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and JP Nadda for enabling him to join the BJP. He said he would work with the BJP to fill the huge gap Punjab has witnessed in development while other states have moved forward. He asserted that the next government will be formed by the BJP.

"PM Modi and Shah always took it positively whenever I raised the issues of Punjab. We want to take Punjab forward. When the country is benefitting, why should Punjab be left behind?" he asked.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of our client **Mr.B.V.Yogesh,** S/o.B.V.Venugopal, to bring to the notice of the general public that the original registered final decree in O.S.No.6397/2017, bearing Document No.SHR-1-03253-2017-18, CD No.SHRD108, in Book-I, dated: 05-02-2018, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Shanthinagara, Bengaluru, is lost.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **07 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

**All** the piece and parcel of the residential **Apt.No.1** in **Ground floor** of **"SWAMY MANSION"** measuring **900 Sq.ft of SBA**, together with **300 13.90% UDS** constructed on property bearing #20, (Old No.21), situated at Basappa Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru,

**S R Law & Associates, Advocates**
No. 690, 1st Main Road,
Kamalanagara Market, Bengaluru-560079.
M : 9008852599
E-Mail : srvakil.ka15@gmail.com

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **MR. MAHAVIR SINGH NARA (Aadhaar No.4829 7349 0356)**, aged about 60 years, S/o Late. Rishal Singh, residing at No.47, Madana Kalan (10), Jhajjar, Haryana - 124102.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within **07 days** from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No.TS-395, having PID No.6000024586, (formed in Sy.No.17/5 by the Bangalore Development Authority), Situated at 15th Block, Arkavathy, Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.00 Mtrs., and North to South 9.00 Mtrs., totally measuring 108.00 Sq.Mtrs., and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.TS-390,
West by : Road,
North by : Site No.TS-396,
South by : Site No.394.

Sd/- **K.R.Bharadwaj & Associates,**
Advocates,
No.30, 1st Floor, Above Medplus, Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main K.K. Halli, Bangalore -560084. Ph. 9844011141
E-mail: krblawassociates@gmail.com

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients have negotiated and finalized to Purchase all that Vacant Site More fully described in Schedule hereunder written from its lawful owner viz. **Sri Shiva Kumar,** Aadhaar No 2144 5322 5025 and **Smt. Jayalakshmi,** Aadhaar No 8792 7975 8838. Both are residing at: Flat No. 115/5-1, Opp. Corporation Park, 2nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore – 560 018.

Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or having any sort of claim on the Schedule property or objecting to any sale in favour of my clients should write to the Undersigned Advocate or meet him in person at his designated address **within 7 (Seven) days** of the issuance of this Public notice will all documentary proof on which/he/she/they is/are asserting his/her/their right/s. If no claims are received within the said period. My clients shall proceed to purchase the Schedule property and shall complete the Sale transaction on the basis that there are no claims of Whatsoever nature from whomsoever concerned.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 28, Muncipal No. 28, PID No. 41-56-28, situated at 4th Main Road, Bytarayanapura Layout, Bangalore, Now comes under BBMP limits, Bangalore.**, Measuring East to West : 30 Feet, North to South : 40 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., bounded on the : **East by:** Site No. 29, **West by:** Site No. 27, **North by:** Site No. 15, **South by:** Road.

**ARUN ULLAS I, Advocate,**
No.3, 176/E, Gandhi Road, 2nd Cross,
Near Ullasappa Circle, Kammanahalli,
Bangalore – 560084, Ph – 9901900773.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NOS.3, 4 & 5 VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 20/03/2024**

**WRIT PETITION No. 28503/2023 (GM-CPC)**

**SRI. C.V. JAYARAME GOWDA** S/o Late Venkategowda R/at. Challapalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Pichagundlahalli Grama Panchayath, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District - 563 131. **...PETITIONER**

**VS**

**THE TAHSILDAR,** Mulbagal Taluk, Mulbagal-563131, Kolar District. & Others. **...RESPONDENTS**

To, **3. BHASKAR** S/o Late Sreeramappa
**4. MUNIRAJU** S/o Late Sreeramappa
R3 & R4 are R/at Dodda Thammanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District - 563 131.
**5. SUBBARAYAPPA @ SUBRAMANI** S/o Late A.K. Munivenkatappa R/at Challapalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District - 563 131.

Whereas the above named petitioner have preferred IA. praying this Court to and also on petition filed under Article 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, praying to set aside the impugned orders dated: 30/03/2021, passed on IA. No.1, filed under section 5 of Limitation Act in Misc. Appeal No. 37/2018, passed by the Hon'ble Principal District and Sessions Judge at Kolar which is produced at Annexure-'A', has been registered by this Court.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorised by law to act for you in the above writ petition **on 26.04.2024 at 10.30 A.M.** in case you intend to contest writ petition. If you fail to appear the same will be dealt with heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and seal of this court on this the 20th day of March 2024.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT**
**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SUPRAJIT ENGINEERING LTD.,** a Company incorporated under Indian Companies Act, having its registered office at No.100, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Bangalore–560 099, intends to purchase the Property described in Schedule hereunder from its owner **SAI KRISHNA FASHION TEXTILES PVT. LTD.,** a Company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, having its registered office at No. 178, 36th Cross, 18th Main, IV `T' Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 042, Karnataka.

Claims, Objections if any for the proposed transaction of sale may be lodged with documentary proof-evidence with the undersigned within 10 days from this date, failing which it shall be presumed that nobody has got any claim over the Schedule Property and my client shall proceed to finalize the transaction.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and of land to the extent of 6 Acres in portion of old Sy. No. 58, new Sy. No.112, measuring 2 Acres, Sy. No. 111, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, Sy. No. 113, measuring 2 Acres, Sy. No. 114 measuring 20 Guntas situated at Majara Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District together with factory shed approximately measuring 6000 Sq. Mtrs. bounded on the :**East by:** Private Property. **West by :** Private Property. **North by :** Road and portion of Property bearing Sy. No. 114 . South by : Boarder of Majara Hosahalli Village

Sd/-
**Baptist D'Souza**, B.Com., LL.B., Advocate,No. 15/36, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore – 47
**Mobile:9845004974**
**Place : Bangalore**
**Date : 26.03.2024**

## Union Bank of India

**ZONAL OFFICE: BENGALURU**
No.1/1, 2nd Floor, "Jeevan Sampige", 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangaluru-560003.
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**Ph No.: 9769019885; Email: pnd.fgmobengaluru@unionbankofindia.bank**

The application forms are also available during aforesaid period on Bank's website at **www.unionbankofindia.co.in.** However, the application forms downloaded from the website shall be accompanied Pay Order / Demand Draft amounting to Rs.500/- (non-refundable) favoring Union Bank of India, payable at Bengaluru.

**The last date for submission of the completed forms is 17.04.2024 @ 17.00 hours.**

Union Bank of India reserves the right for rejecting any or all applications received without assigning any reasons whatsoever under any category.

Bengaluru
Date : 27.03.2024 **Dy. General Manager**

## AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

**POSSESSION NOTICE** APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **10.01.2024** calling upon the **1) Mr. T H Muniswamy Gowda** S/o Hanumanthappa, #3, Sapthagiri Nivasa, 5th Cross, SSA Road, Hebbal, Bangalore 560024. **Also At: Mr. T H Muniswamy Gowda** S/o Hanumanthappa, Proprietor, 3rd Main Road, Anandagiri Block, Hebbal, Bangalore 560024. **(Borrower/Applicant) Mrs. Manjulamma Y U** W/o Muniswamy Gowda, #3, Sapthagiri Nivasa, 5th Cross, SSA Road, Hebbal, Bangalore 560024 **(CoApplicant/Guarantor)** to repay the amount **Rs 2,20,12,178 /-** (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Lakhs Twelve Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight only) mentioned in the notice towards the loan account no's **PHR051401275891**. being the amount due as on **09.01.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **25.03.2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD, Rs 2,20,12,178 /-** (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Lakhs Twelve Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight only) being the amount due as on **09.01.2024** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY**

**SCHEDULE:** All that piece and parcel of the BDA Site No 987 formed in Sy No. 32/2 Sampigehalli Village Situated at 3rd Block Arkavathi Layout Bangalore 560077 and Bounded as follows East by : Site No 986, West by : Site No 988, North by : Road, South by : PVT Property.

**For any clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy 9036773553**

**Date : 25.03.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place : Bangalore** **Axis Bank Ltd.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ICICI Bank**

**Branch Office:** ICICI BANK LTD Office No 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No 1, Plot No-B3, Wifi IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane(West)- 400604.

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address | Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced | Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice | NPA Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Aryan Khazin/ Heena Rafiq Khan/ (LBPVL00005459582) 09 Charan Niwas, 2nd Cross, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, 2nd Phase, Amruth Nagar, Choodasandra Road, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560035 | Flat No.07, 2nd Floor, C Wing, Building No. 2,"Siddhivinayak Garima", Survey No.30/0, Village Koynavele, Tal- Panvel, Raigad- 410206 | February 22, 2024 Rs. 37,80,918/- | 09/12/2023 |
| 2. | Sharma Vinodkumar/ Sharma Rekhaben Vinodkumar/ (LBKAL00005195015) & 38, Apurva Bungalows-1, Near Gopal Nagar School, Panchvati, Kalol, Gandhinagar- 382721 | All That Part & Parcel of Immovable Residential Property Being House No. 53 Having Builtup Area Adm. 89-84 Situated On Land Area Adm. 359-71 Sq.mtrs. of Area Known as Known as "Mahalaya Tenement" of R.S.N. 619 of Village: Kalol Sub- District: Kalol and Registration District: Gandhinagar. | March 05, 2024 Rs. 40,48,243/- | 04/12/2023 |
| 3. | Kalsariya Ketankumar Valbhabhai/ Kalsariya Kiran Ketankumar/ (LBJGH00005404068) & Plot No.18, Prena Dham-2, Jivandhara Society, Opp. New R.T.O, Nandanvan School, Khamdhrol Road, Junagadh- 362001 | Plot No.71, Matrukrupa Rajmoti Park- 1, Khamdhrol Road, R.S. No.122/1 Paiki, Khamdhrol, Junagadh- 362001 | March 08, 2024 Rs. 11,81,865/- | 04/12/2023 |

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

**Date : March 27, 2024** **Authorized Officer**
**Place: Bangalore** **ICICI Bank Limited**

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|---|---|
| Name : Sri. Binoy Kumar Shrivastava<br>E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in<br>Mobile No: 7506363390<br>Landline No. Office : 080-2594 3663 | STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH<br>#11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, J C Road, Bangalore - 560002. Ph: 080-2594 3663.<br>Fax: 080 2594 3664, Email Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in |

**APENDIX IV-A [See provison to Rule 8(6)]**
**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**
**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, secured creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis on **16.04.2024** for recovery of **Rs. 58,85,083/-** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Eighty Three Only) as on 19.03.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 20.03.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru from borrowers: **(1) Smt Anitha Nikhil Dev** W/o. B. R. Nikhil Dev and **(2) Sri B. R. Nikhil Dev** S/o. Sri Ramachandra Ravindranath.

The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under :-

| Property No. | Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold) | Earnest Money Deposit | Bid increment Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rs. 47,00,000/- | Rs. 4,70,000/- | Rs. 40,000/- |

**Tender No: SARB/2023-24/1049 Name of the Title Deed Holders: (1) Smt Anitha Nikhil Dev W/o. B. R. Nikhil Dev, (2) Sri B. R.Nikhil Dev S/o Sri Ramachandra Ravindranath.**

**Schedule 'A' Property :** All that piece and parcel of the converted lands bearing Sy No 1 and Sy No 109 presently assigned BBMP amalgamated Khatha No102/1 and 100/109, all measuring 1 Acre 11 Guntas converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(NAY)S.R.169/2013-14 and Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(NAY)S.R.189/2011-12 both passed by the Dy Commissioner, Bengaluru, situated at Thirumenehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, and **bounded on : East by :** Land bearing Sy No 1, **West by :** Road and Land bearing Sy No. 109, **North by :** Road and Land bearing Sy No. 109, **South by :** Land bearing Sy No. 109 and Sy No. 1.

**Schedule 'B' Property :** 456 Sq. feet undivided share, right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule A (i.e., proportionate to the Super Built up Area)

**Schedule 'C' Property :** All the part and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No.017 in Ground Floor measuring 1140 Sq Ft of Super Built Up Area containing Two Bed Rooms with RCC roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring and Aluminium Three-track Windows together with One Covered Car Parking space along with proportionate share in common area such as Passage, Lobbies, Terrace, Staircase, Children's' Play Area, Swimming Pool, Club House and Lift Contained in the Multi-storeyed building constructed on Schedule A Property known as COMMANDERS GALAXY standing in the names of Smt Anitha Nikhil Dev W/o B R Nikhil Dev and Sri B R Nikhil Dev S/o Sri Ramachandra Ravindranath.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

**To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp: Trust Well Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru – 560002 during office hours, Telephone No.080- 25943663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore **represented by: Sri Madhava Rao Cell No.9448497753, 9019770790, Sri Manjunath Rao, Cell No: 9986363038 and Sri Chayapathy, Cell No: 9901902500.**

**Date : 21.03.2024** **Authorised Officer, State Bank Of India**
**Place : Bengaluru** **Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru**

## Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

**Corporate Office :** 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
**Zonal Office :-** No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).
**Nelamangala Branch :** 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar,Arishinakunte,Near Honda Showroom,Nelamangala, Banglore-562123,(Karnataka).A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**

**PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY**

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the **Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002)** of the properties ("the Secured Asset") given below. The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

| Sl No. | Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower | Demand Notice Date & Amount | Reserve Price (RP) | Total O/s Amount as on | Description of the Immovable property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Loan Code _No : 22800000821 Nelamangala Branch) **Mohammed Fazal S** (Borrower) **Saniya Kousar S** (Co Borrower) | 09-07-2019 ₹ 12,52,934.00 | ₹ 7,00,000.00 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Only) | 29-02-2024 ₹ 25,65,378.09 | 8 1 Site No 41 Sy No 8 1 New Sy No 8 1a H uluvenahalli Village Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru - 562130, KARNATAKA. Bounded : **East By :** Private Property, **West By :** Road, **North By :** Property No. 40 and **South By :** Property No. 42. |

**The Authorised Officer** will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'.** AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. **This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.**

**The Date of Auction is fixed for 12-04-2024**

**Place : Nelamangala** **Authorised Officer**
**Date : 27.03.2024** **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

## Canara Bank

**YESHWANTHPUR BRANCH (DP-10428)**
**Bengaluru-560022**

## [Format-Y] E-Auction Sale Notice under SARFAESI Act 2002

**SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2022 (HEREINAFTER TO AS THE ACT).**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to **Canara Bank, Yeshwanthpur Branch (DP-10428), Bangalore,** the possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under Section 13(4) of the Act will be sold by E-Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, Charges and cost etc as detailed below.

The Property described below is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** under rule no.8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) for the recovery of the dues detailed as under:

**1) Name and Address of Borrower : Sri. Prem Singh** S/o Jugati Dan, Princeville Apartment, Flat No. 1303, 13th Floor, "C" Wing, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060, **Also at : Sri. Prem Singh** S/o Jugati Dan, Adarsh Mohalla, Pachpadra, Barner, Pachpadra City, Rajasthan-344032. **Guarantors : (1) Smt. Durgesh Kunwar,** W/o Prem Singh, Princeville Apartment, Flat No. 1303, 13th Floor, "C" Wing, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060, **Also at : Smt. Durgesh Kunwar,** W/o Prem Singh, Adarsh Mohalla, Pachpadra, Barner, Pachpadra City, Rajasthan-344032.

**The Total Amount Due : Rs. 76,77,238.06** (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Six only) as on **26/03/2024** together with further interest, costs and expenses there on due to the **Yeshwanthpur (10428) Branch of Canara Bank, Bengaluru.**

**Description of the immovable Property :** Residential Flat No. 1303 on 13th Floor, measuring about 1495 sq. ft super built up area, consisting of 3 bed rooms in "C" Wing including proportionate share in common area such as passage, loggies, staircase contained in the residential apartment complex known as "Princeville Apartment", Mylasandra Village, Kengeri, Bengalore-560060 and bounded by : East by : Flat No. C-1302, West by : Open Space, North by : Open Space, South by : Open Space.

**Known encumbrances, if any:** Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

**The details regarding E-Auction are Mentioned below:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Date and Time of E-Auction | 30.04.2024 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM | |
| Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakhs) | EMD (Rs. in Lakhs) |
| | Rs. 67.62 Lakhs | Rs. 6.77 Lakhs |
| DD Favoring on (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) | Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, Yeshwanthpur (10428) Branch, Bengaluru. Account No. 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0010428. on or before 29.04.2024 - 5.00 p.m | |
| Bid Factor | Rs.50,000/- | |
| Date & Time of Inspection | 29.04.2024 , 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM. | |

**Details of Auction service provider : M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICS LTD, (Contact No. 9480691777/8553643144; E- Mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in. Contact Person Name: MR PAKHARE D / MR. RAMESH T H.**

1. The EMD shall be deposited through RTGS /NEFT/ Fund Transfer to the credit of respected Accounts Mentioned above before Submitting bids online. EMD can also be paid by way of Pay Order / Demand Draft in favour of **Canara Bank** payable at Bangalore.
2. The Intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid from (format available in the above website) along with DD/PO/Quoting the UTR No. of NEFT / RTGS remittance towards EMD in a Sealed cover addressed to the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, above Mentioned Address (Address of AO) so as to reach on or before above mentioned date.
3. Bidders are advised to visit the Bank's website **https://www.indianbankseauction.com** for detailed e-auction notice wherein all the terms and conditions of e-auction sale are surnished. Bidders may also visit the website of service provider or contact them as per the details given above for any clarifications / queries.
4. Intending bidders shall hold a valid Digital Signature Certificate, Active email address and PAN number.
5. The Undersigned has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or postpone/cancel the sale or modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason.
6. The sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act, Rules and the Conditions Prescribed in the detailed terms and conditions published in the website.
7. For further details contact the **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**, Above Mentioned address.

Please treat this also as a notice under rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s / Mortgar/s of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the said sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not re paid in full.

The interested bidders are requested to visit the bank's website for detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale which may be read as part and parcel of this advertisement.

Note : EMD Shall be stipulated at 10% of the reserve Price. * depending upon the asset of movable or immovable or both - retain the respective portion.

**Date : 26.03.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place: Bengaluru** **Canara Bank**

## IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

**(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd). | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792**
**Registered Office: -** KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

**APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**
**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (ii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iii) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30.04.2024 as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com.**

| S. NO | (i) Demand Notice Date and Amount | (ii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) | (iii) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS | (iv) Reserve Price Amount | (v) EMD Amount | (vi) Date and Time of Auction | (vii) Date and Time of EMD Auction | (viii) Date and time of Inspection | (ix) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | INR 82,24,705/- Demand Notice dated: 04-November-2022 | **Prabhavathi N & Venkatesh J** | All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Apartment/Flat No.005, In The Ground Floor, Having 1890 Sq. Ft (Super Built Up Area Including Terrace Area) At site no. 602, In The Residential Apartment Building Known As "J. J. Elita" In Property Bearing S.L. No. 602, Municipal No. 44/1, 44/2, 44/3 And 44/4 Old Sy. No. 44 Then old Survey No. 44 and Resurvey No. 44/1, 44/2, 44/3, And 44/4, Total Measuring 26,136 Sq. Ft., (24 Guntas), Situated At Nyanappanhalli Division and Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And, Bounded As:-East: Nyanappanahalli Main Road, West: Private Property, North: Private Property & South: Nyanappanahalli-Hulimavu Road | **INR 85,05,000/-** | INR 8,50,500/- | 30th April 2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM | 29th April 2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM | 23rd April 2024 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM | Name- M/s Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 9694702013 Name- Mr. Samson Castelino Contact Number- 9164040717 |

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
**Authorized Officer**
**IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**
**(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)**

**Date: 27.03.2024**

## VYSYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

**Administrative Office: Dr. Shri ShriShivakuamaraSwamiji Circle, B.H. Road, Tumakuru- 572102, Ph.No.0816-2279934, Email: ao@vcbltkr.com**
**Branch office: B.V.K. Iyengar Road, Komarla Towers, 2nd Floor, OTC Road, Chickpet, Bengaluru-560053, Ph: 080-22389263, E-Mail: bvk@vcbltkr.com**

## NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS/MORTAGERES/GUARANTORS

**Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Vysya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., #349, Komarla Towers, 2n Floor, Balapet Circle, OTC Road, Bengaluru-53,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **Vysya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as applicable, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **Vysya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantors/Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) | Total Outstanding Dues | Date of Demand Notice | Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **(1) Smt Uma R,** W/o Ravindranath N, No.74, NGEF Layout, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072 **(2) Mr. N Ravindranath,** S/o V Narayanaswamy, No.74, NGEF Layout, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072 **(3) Mr. N Venkataraman,** S/o V.Narayanaswamy, No.7, 2nd A Main Road, Nagarabhavi Road, Byraveshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560072. **Guarantors : (1) SmtLeelamma,** W/o Late Puttaiah(Guarantorsince Deceased), And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative (s),Successors and Assigns of W/o Late Puttaiah, No.228,Ganganadi Road, K G Nagara, Bengaluru-560019. **(2) Smt.P Nalini,** D/o Late Puttaiah(GuarantorSince Deceased), And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative (s),Successors and Assigns of D/o Late Puttaiah No.228, Ganganadi Road, K G Nagara, Bengaluru-560019. **(3) Smt P Malathi,** D/o Late Puttaiah(GuarantorSince Deceased) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative (s),Successors and Assigns of D/o Late Puttaiah No.228, Ganganadi Road, K G Nagara, Bengaluru-560019. **(4) Smt P Parimala,** D/o Late Puttaiah(GuarantorSince Deceased), And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative (s),Successors and Assigns of D/o Late Puttaiah No.228, Ganganadi Road, K G Nagara, Bengaluru-560019. **(5) Smt P Sudha,** D/o Late Puttaiah (GuarantorSince Deceased) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative (s),Successors and Assigns of D/o Late Puttaiah No.228, Ganganadi Road, K G Nagara, Bengaluru-560019. **(6) Smt P Anitha,** D/o Late Puttaiah (GuarantorSince Deceased), And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative (s),Successors and Assigns of D/o Late Puttaiah No.228, Ganganadi Road, K G Nagara, Bengaluru-560019. | **Loan A/c No.1008046000008 Rs.1,59,39,492/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 31.01.2024** | **06.02.2024** **NPA Date 23.06.2004** | All that piece and parcel of the entire premises of the site property No.36/228 (Previously site No.36), carved out of land in Sy No.5/1 & 5/2 of Gavipuram Village, KasabaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk) and building thereon, situated at Gaganadhi Road, Brindavan Nagar, Bangalore Corporation Ward No.52, measuring East to West 45 ft, and North to South 30 ft and bounded on : East by: Site bearing No.31, West by: 25ft Road, North by: Site bearing No.35, South by: Site bearing No.37. |

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **Vysya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** as aforesaid, then **Vysya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (2) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **Vysya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.**, Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made there under shall be liable for penalty as provided under the Act.

**Date: 27.03.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Executive Officer**
**Place: Tumakuru** **of Vysya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Under SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

# BALTIMORE BRIDGE COLLAPSES AFTER SHIP SMASHES IT

**BALTIMORE**

A CONTAINER ship rammed into a major bridge in Baltimore on early Tuesday, causing it to snap in a few places and plunge into the river below. Several vehicles fell into the chilly waters, and rescuers were searching for at least six people. Two people were pulled from the waters under the Francis Scott Key Bridge, one in serious condition, according to Baltimore Fire Chief James Wallace. The cargo ship appears to have crashed into one of the bridge's supports during the middle of night when traffic would be expected to be lighter, according to a video posted on X, formerly known as Twitter. The vessel caught fire, and thick, black smoke billowed out of it.

'Never would you think that you would see, physically see, the Key Bridge tumble down like that. It looked like something out of an action movie,' said Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott, calling it 'an unthinkable tragedy." The fire chief said authorities 'may be looking for upwards of six people' but said that number could change.

Sonar has indicated that there are vehicles in the water, where the temperature was about 47 degrees Fahrenheit (8 degrees Celsius) in the early hours of Tuesday, according to a buoy that collects data for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Earlier, Kevin Cartwright, director of communications for the Baltimore Fire Department, told The Associated Press that several vehicles were on the bridge at the time, including one the size of a tractor-trailer truck. He called the collapse a 'developing mass casualty event,' though he didn't know at the time how many people were affected. Cartwright added that some cargo appeared to be dangling from the bridge, which spans the Patapsco River at the entrance to a busy harbour. The river leads to the Port of Baltimore, a major hub for shipping on the East Coast. Opened in 1977, the bridge is named for the writer of 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' Maryland Gov. Wes Moore declared a state of emergency and said he was working to get federal resources deployed. Synergy Marine Group ' which owns and manages the ship called the 'Dali' ' confirmed the vessel hit a pillar of the bridge at about 1:30 am while two pilots were in control.

A vessel called Dali was headed from Baltimore to Colombo, Sri Lanka, as its final destination, according to Marine Traffic and Vessel Finder. The ship was flying under a Singapore flag, WTOP radio station reported, citing Petty Officer Matthew West from the Coast Guard in Baltimore. In 2001, a freight train carrying hazardous materials derailed in a tunnel in downtown Baltimore and caught fire, spewing black smoke into surrounding neighbourhoods and forcing officials to temporarily close all major roads into the city. *AP*

## EXPRESS READ

### King Charles III to attend Easter service

London: Britain's King Charles III will attend the royal Easter service at St. George's Chapel in Windsor on Sunday, Buckingham Palace said, confirming the 75-year-old monarch's first major public appearance as he undergoes treatment for an unspecified form of cancer. The King had taken a back seat from public-facing duties since his cancer diagnosis was made public last month. Charles also took part in an audience at the palace in London with community faith leaders.

# Pak foils attack on naval air base; 4 militants killed

**KARACHI**

ARMED BALOCH militants tried to infiltrate one of the main naval air bases in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, but security forces foiled the attack and killed all four terrorists. The attack on Monday night took place in Turbat, a turbulent district in the sparsely populated province. Makran Commissioner Saeed Ahmed Umrani told the media that security forces had foiled an armed terrorist attack at the PNS Siddique Naval Air Base which is among the biggest naval air stations in the country. "The armed men attacked from three sides of the airport boundary, but security forces responded immediately and foiled their attempt to infiltrate the premises,' he said. Eyewitnesses reported they had heard gunfire and explosions throughout the night.

According to a statement by the army, terrorists on the night of March 25/26 attempted to attack Pakistan Naval Base, PNS Siddique in the Turbat area of Balochistan province. However, it was thwarted due to the swift and effective response by the troops ensuring the safety and security of personnel and assets. "Security forces in the vicinity were immediately mobilized to support the naval troops. Synergetic and effective response by the armed forces enabled the killing of all four terrorists in ensuing joint clearance operation,' the army said. However, during an intense fire exchange, a 24-year-old Sepoy of the paramilitary Frontier Corps Balochistan was killed.

A security official said on condition of anonymity that terrorists were unable to cause any damage at the airbase. A sanitisation operation was being conducted to eliminate any other terrorists found in the area and Pakistan Armed Forces were committed to eliminating the menace of terrorism from the country. *PTI*

## DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

| Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Legal Heir | Demand Notice Date & Amount | Description of Secured asset (immovable property) |
|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Lakshmi Karthik Raju **Prospect No 956963** | **22-Mar-2024 is ₹ 9,72,314.00/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Only) | All that piece and parcel of the property being : Site no 35, V P Khatha No 155/4A, Land Area ad Measuring 1440 Sq. Ft., Carpet Area ad Measuring 1190 Sq. Ft. And Built Up Area ad Measuring 2450 Sq. Ft., situated at Kottanuuru Village, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore South Tq, Bangalore, Karnataka , 560077. **Bounded By : North :** Channai **South :** Remaining Portion of same property Site No.35, Mun **East :** Road **West :** Private property |

If the said Borrower fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office** :'SOMA MERIT', No.9, Ground Floor, Venkataswamy Naidu Street, Taskar Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051 or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

**Place : Bangalore ; Date : 27.03.2024** Sd/- , Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

## The Rajajinagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

**No.741, 3rd Ward, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.**

### NOTIFICATION

Anand's son Shri A. Bhaskar's residing at No. 13, 1st Cross, 7th Main Road, Saibabanagar, Bangalore-560 021 possession of Mrs. Usharani's Property No. 41/2, P.I.D. No. 24-47-41/1, 10th Cross, Laxminarayanpura South West Side of Property No. 41, Ex Property No. 218/41, (Ward No. 97-Dayanandanagar) Bangalore. Loan is sanctioned for purchase of this property. As the original title deed of the said property, Section Deed No.VJN-1-10277/2017-18, page number (9) thereof is reported to be missing, the original title deed of this property is found by **"The Rajajinagar Cooperative Bank Ltd."** No. 741, 3rd Division, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010 request to be submitted to this office or any objection regarding the immovable property / loan given by the bank to the bank within 7 days. Otherwise action will be taken to mortgage this immovable property to the bank.

**Property Details: Present Municipal No.41/2. P.I.D.No.24-47-41/2, 10th Cross, Laxminarayanapura South West Side of Property No. 41, Ex Property No. 218/41, (Ward No. 97 - Dayanandanagar) Bangalore, and measuring East West 13 feet and North South 33.6 feet.**

**Schedule**: East: Keshavamurthy's existing property Mu.No.41/1, West: Road, North: Janakiram's property Existing Mu.No.41/1, South: Conservenni Galli.

**Chief Executive Officer (I)**
**The Rajajinagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

## DEUTSCHE BANK AG

**Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Deutsche Bank AG**, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **23/09/2021** calling upon the borrower **M/s. Intra Technical Services Private Limited, Mr. Dinkar Lalchand Rai, Mrs. Kalindri Dinkar Rai and Mr. Amit Rai Dinkar ("Borrower")** to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs.7,31,42,564.74 (Rupees Seven Crore Thirty One Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four and Seventy Four paisa only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this **25th day of March of the year 2024**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs.7,31,42,564.74 (Rupees Seven Crore Thirty One Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four and Seventy Four paisa only)** and interest thereon.

**Description of the Immovable Property**
**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the House on Site bearing No. 72, Khatha No. 698, formed in Survey Nos. 9, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 11/1, 11/2, 12/1, 12/2, 13, 14/1, 14/2, 14/3, 14/4, 14/6, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 21/4, 21/5, 21/6, 22, 23, 49 and 50 and the said property has been converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Order No.ALN.SR.1463/65-66, dated 23/04/1966, issued by the Thasildar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Layout formed by Athmiya Geleyara Balaga Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Ltd, situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to Wet : 30-0 feet, North to South : 40-0 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet along with built portion on Ground Floor of 9 Square R.C.C. Roof, Mosaic Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and windows, First Floor of 9 Square R.C.C. Roof, Mosaic Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and windows and Second Floor of 2 Square R.C.C. Roof, Totally 20 squares R.C.C Roofed with electricity facility and bounded on the: **By North :** Road, **By South :** Site No. 80, **By East :** Site No. 71, **By West :** Site No. 73.

**Date:** 27.03.2024 **Place:** Bangalore

**Ajay Singh**
**Authorized Officer Deutsche Bank AG**

## HDB Financial Services Ltd.

**Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Pin Code-380009.**
**Branch Office: No.195/38, 1st Floor, HDFC Building 10th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-27. Web: www.hdbfs.com, E-mail ID: compliance@hdfs.com**

### DEMAND NOTICE Under Sec 13 (2) of Sarfaesi Act 2002

You the below mentioned applicant and co-applicants availed a loan facility by creating security interest in favour of our company, As per the records of the company, there are irregularities observed of the repayment of the loan amount due to the mentioned irregularities of the loan accounts stands as **NON PERFORMING ASSET** in the companys book of accounts and pertinent to mentioned out here in the event of the multiple defaults in the repayment of the funded amount, The company intimated all of you on the discontinuation of the agreement through the loan recall notice issued. However all of you continued defaulting the repayment of the funded amount without taking any efforts towards the closure of the loan account. for the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued **Demand notice** 13(2) of the sarfaesi act 2002.The contents of which are being published herewith as per 13(2) of the act R/w 3(1) of the security interest enforcement rules 2002, by way of alternative service upon the Applicants & Co-Applicants since notice not served. Details of the Applicant/ Co-Applicants/ Guarantor outstanding dues Secured properties are as under:

1. **Name of the Applicant/ Co-Applicants: 1) PVN Engineering,** No.36, 6th Main, Singasandra Industrial Area, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560068, Karnataka. **And Also:** Property bearing No.1/1, 1st Cross, Vastu Enclave, Near Ganapathi Temple, Bangalore-560068. **2) Nagaratina A,** No.1/1, 1st Cross, Vastu Layout, Near Ganapathi Temple, Kudlu Bommanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560068. **3) Muniraj PK,** No.36, 6th main, Singasandra Industrial Area, Hosur Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560068. **4) Muniraj PK,** No.1/1, 1st Cross, Vastu Layout, Near Ganapathi Temple, Kudlu Bommanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560068. **Loan Sanction Amount Rs.3,80,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)** by **Loan A/c No.13632898. Rs.22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Only)** by **Loan No.5426346.**
   **Demand Notice Dated: 14.02.2024; NPA Dated on: 02.01.2024**
   **Outstanding dues Rs.1,56,104.33 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Four and Paise Thirty Three Only)** by **Loan A/c No.13632898. Rs.12,84,831.75 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty One and Paise Seventy Five Only)** by **Loan No.5426346. Totally Rs.14,40,936.08 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six and Paise Eight Only)** as of **14.02.2024** and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.
   **Details of the Secured Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property site bearing Site No.1/1, Katha No.796/1, Assessment No.300/835/1/1, situated at Kudlu Village, Kudlu Vastu Enclave, Near Government Private School, Madivala Post comes under the BBMP limits, Bangalore-68 in all measuring East to West: 40 ft, North to South: 20 ft together with building standing there on and **Bounded on the North:** Govt. Land/ Public Road, **South:** Site No.1, **East:** Srinivas Reddy Land, **West:** By Road.
2. **Name of the Applicant/ Co-Applicants: 1) Jashika Enterprises,** No.3, My Sugar Comercial Complex, JC ROad, Bangalore-560002, Karnataka. **2) Purushotham D R,** No.39, Vakil Marina Layout, Opposite Janapriya Apartments, Kodichikkanahalli, Bangalore-560076, Karnataka. **3) Geethalakshmi S V,** No.39, Vakil Marina Layout, Opposite Janapriya Apartments, Kodichikkanahalli, Bangalore-560076, Karnataka. **Loan Sanction Amount Rs.15,08,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eight Thousand Only)** by **Loan A/c No.12914337. Rs.81,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Only)** by **Loan No.5345116.**
   **Demand Notice Dated: 27.09.2023; NPA Dated on: 02.09.2023**
   **Outstanding dues Rs.12,32,812.60 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and Paise Sixty Only)** by **Loan A/c No.12914337. Rs.69,82,612.94 (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and Paise Ninety Four Only)** by **Loan No.5345116. Totally Rs.82,15,425.54 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five and Paise Fifty Four Only)** as of **27.09.2023** and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.
   **Details of the Secured Property:** All that piece and parcel of Residential converted site bearing Site No.39, BBMP Khatha No.1067/1027/1039/25/1/26/639, Old CMC Khatha No.667, formed in Sy.No.25/1 and 26/5 of Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore in the layout "Vakil Marina", measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq.feet, together with building standing thereon and **Bounded on the North:** Site No.38, **South:** Site No.40, **East:** Site No.32, **West:** Road.
3. **Name of the Applicant/ Co-Applicants: 1) Anjum Pasha,** 33/15, 15th Cross, Near Nimhans, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030. **2) Shaziya Anjum,** 33/15, 15th Cross, Near Nimhans, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030, Karnataka. **3) Nasreen Taj,** 33/15, 15th Cross, Near Nimhans, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030. **4) Musaveer Pasha,** 33/15, 15th Cross, Near Nimhans, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030, Karnataka. **Loan Sanction Amount Rs.73,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Only)** by **Loan A/c No.2393412.**
   **Demand Notice Dated: 15.03.2024; NPA Dated on: 02.02.2024**
   **Outstanding dues Rs.53,34,784.20 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four and Paise Twenty Only)** as of **15.03.2024** and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.
   **Details of the Secured Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.33, present BMP No.33/15, PID No. 62-43-15, situated at 15th Cross, Lakkasandra Village, Ward No.62, Old Ward No.55, Bangalore and **Bounded on the North:** Road, **South:** Private Property, **East:** Site No.34, **West:** Bhaya Bai's House (Site No.32).
4. **Name of the Applicant/ Co-Applicants: 1) Mahalakshmi Bar and Restaurant, M/s. Mahalakshmi Bar and Restaurant,** No.2, S.No.1, Parimala Nagar, Bangalore-560069. **2) Seethaiah Parvathi,** No.9/20, 1st Cross, Parimala Nagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Nandini Layout, Near Gandhi Nagar Park, Bangalore-560096. **3) Chetankumar K,** No.9/20, 1st Cross, Parimala Nagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Near Gandhi Nagar Park, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560069. **Loan Sanction Amount Rs.39,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Only)** by **Loan A/c No.880263.**
   **Demand Notice Dated: 07.03.2024; NPA Dated on: 03.02.2019**
   **Outstanding dues Rs.47,77,248.22 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eighty and Paise Twenty Two Only)** as of **06.03.2024** and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.
   **Details of the Secured Property:** All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing New BBMP Khata No.20, Old Site No.9, Survey No.1, situated at Jarakababde Kaval, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, PID No.12-144-20, measuring on the East to West: North side 33 feet, South side 35 feet and North to South: Eastern side 33 feet and Western side 42 feet and **Bounded on the North:** Property belongs to K Bettaiah, **South:** Road, **East:** Sight No.8, **West:** Sight No.10.

Therefore the company calls upon to discharge in full your liabilities stated here in above within **60 days** from the date of this notice. Your outstanding liability owing to the company as per the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section 8 of the sec 13 Act. in respect of time available to redeem the secured Assets , Any non compliance of Sec 13(13) of the said act is an offense punishable under section 29 of the Act you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said security property detailed in schedule above said of his notice without obtaining written consent of the company.

**Date: 27.03.2024, Place: Bangalore** Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client intends to Purchase All that piece and parcel of property bearing New Municipal No.34, Old Municipal No.69, Present BBMP PID E-Katha No.75-2-34, situated at G Street, **Jougupalya Main Road, Ulsoor,** K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, **measuring East to West 40+37/2 Feet and North to South 84 Feet,** totally measuring **3234 Sq.Feet,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and bounded on the **:- East by :** Pillamma's Property; **West by :** Somappa's Property; **North by:** ShivaLal's Property; **South by :** Road (G Street);

From its owners **1. Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, 2. Mr. Latha Krishnachar, 3. Mr. Shobha Prashanth and 4. Srinivas Chakravarti K and family,** Persons/ Financial Institutions/ Firms having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence **within 10 days** from this date of publication to the undersigned.

**Santhosh Kumar Associates, Advocates,** Flat No.406, Motati Meadows, Nagavarapalya Main Road, Benniganahalli, Old Madras Road,C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 093.
**Mobile No. 08041718108/ 9886159199**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **(M/s. Arviva Industries (India) Limited)** intends to inform the public at large that they are the absolute owners in possession and enjoyment of the industrial converted lands at Jinke Bachchahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore with respect to **(1)** Land in Sy. No. 37/1A measuring 31 Gunta, **(2)** Land in Sy. No. 37/1B measuring 32 Gunta, (3) Land in Sy. No. 37/2 measuring 33 Gunta, **(4)** Land in Sy. No. 37/4 measuring 1 Acre 31 Gunta (excluding 1 Gunta of Kharab) and **(5)** Land in Sy. No. 37/5 measuring 1 Acre 31 Gunta (morefully described in the Items of Schedule Property below) and that the original title documents concerning the aforesaid lands have been lost or have been irretrievable misplaced and inspite of our client's best efforts, they have not been in a position to trace the same which they kept under their custody at their office at No. 402, Kaatyauni Business Center, MIDC. They have also lodged a lost complaint vide 01/2023 dated 01/01/2024 before the MIDC Police Station, Anderi (E), Mumbai.

If any persons, institutions, Bank/s, etc., has/ have got any right/ claim or any persons having custody of original documents or any claim/ right of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property should file their objections along with necessary documents in support of their own claim **within 15 days** from issuance of this notice. Objections will not be entertained without necessary documents as well as objections if any beyond **fifteen (15) days** will not be entertained.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

**ITEM No. 1:** All that piece and parcel of property being industrially converted land at Sy. No. 37/1 to the extent of 31 guntas situated at Jinke Bachchahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded on: East by:Land belonging to Jayaramanna, West by:Land belonging to Maranna, North by : Land belonging to Maranna, South by:Land belonging to Ramanna.

**ITEM No. 2:** All that piece and parcel of property being industrially converted land at Sy. No. 37/1B to the extent of 32 guntas situated at Jinke Bachchahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded on:East by:Land belonging to Devanuma Halli, West by:Land belonging to Maranna, North by:Land belonging to Hanumanna ,South by:Road.

**ITEM No. 3 :** All that piece and parcel of property being industrially converted land at Sy. No. 37/2 to the extent of 33 guntas situated at Jinke Bachchahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded on: East by:Land belonging to Anjinapa, West by:Land belonging to Appaianna, North by :Land belonging to Kempanna, South by :Land belonging to Mylaraiah.

**ITEM No. 4 :** All that piece and parcel of property being industrially converted land at Sy. No. 37/4, to the extent of 1 acre 31 guntas excluding 1 gunta kharab land situated at Jinke Bachchahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded on: East by :Land belonging to Maranna, West by :Land belonging to Anjinapa, North by:Land belonging to Karagappa, South by:Land belonging to Mylaraiah.

**ITEM No. 5 :** All that piece and parcel of property being industrially converted land at Sy. No. 37/5 to the extent of 1 acre 31 guntas situated at Jinke Bachchahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded on:East by:Land belonging to Anjinapa,West by :Land belonging to Kempanna, North by:Land belonging to Maranna, South by :Land belonging to Yellamma and Mylaraiah.

**PRAVEEN KAMATH M R,** Advocate,
AKS Legal, No. 151, 1st Main Road,
MLA Layout, RT Nagar,
Bengaluru- 560 032, Mob: 7795455621,
Email: advocatekamath@gmail.com

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform you that our client is purchasing the Residential Site bearing No. 963 situated at ITI Layout, Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 47+52/2 ft., totally 165 sq. yards, i.e., 1485 sq. ft bounded on the:- **North by** : Private Property; **East by** : Site No. 954; **South by** : By Road and **West by** : Site No. 964 from Mr. Devadas, aged about 74 years, son of late B Nagappa. If any person has any objection for the said sale transaction, the same may be brought to my notice at the below mentioned address **within 15 days** from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person whatsoever has any objection in respect of the above stated sale transaction.

**S. Vivekananda - Advocate,**
having office at M/s. VGB Associates,
Bungalow No.3, Jayamahal Palace Road,
Bengaluru - 560 046; Mobile: 9845428653

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **Mr. B.M. Srinivas,** S/o. Mulabalaiah, resident of No. 116, 5th Main, ITI Layout,BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085, purchased the below mentioned schedule property from his vendor Mr. MADHUSUDHAN.R., son of Sri. N. Rangappa, under registered sale deed, My client has lost the original Registered Gift Deed of Mr. Madhusudhan. R. bearing document No. JAY-1-05187/2005-06 of Book-I, in CD No. JAYD66, dated 27.02.2006 registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore. That my client also fileed a complaint No. 0985767/2024, dt. 22.03.2024. If any person fine the original Registered Gift Deed, the same may be returned to undersigned Advocate.

**Schedule:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 18/1, 4th Main, 17th D Cross, Banashankari II Stage, Ward No. 56, Katha No. 43, Yediyur, Uttarahalli Hobli, South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 80 Feet, North to South : 50 Feet.

**K. VENKATESHAN., B.A., LLB**
**Advocate & Notary**
**Bangalore - 560033 Mob : 9886776570**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the 'Scheduled Property' mentioned hereunder is owned by and is in actual physical possession of Mr. Sri.Krishnaiah son of Sri. Pannuru Kuppayya Shetty as the sole and absolute right, title and interest holders thereof. The Owners claim that his right is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims, etc. of whatsoever nature and that he has a clear and marketable title in respect of the 'Scheduled Property'. This public notice is issued for verification of the title of the 'Owners' with respect to the 'Scheduled Property'.

All or any persons including any banks, financial institutions or any other party or person, having any valid and legal claim, right, title, demand or interest by virtue of any sale, gift, lease, tenancy, license, exchange, partition, mortgage, charge, lien, inheritance, succession, trust, maintenance, possession, easement, agreement, lis-pendence, stay order, attachment, decree, specific performance or otherwise or any other right of whatsoever nature are required/ called upon to convey their objection/s in writing at the address mentioned below, within (10) Ten days from issuance of this notice, along with all supporting documents relating to such claim, failing which it shall be presumed that there is /are no claim/s and such claim/s if any, shall be considered to be waived and abandoned in respect of the 'Scheduled Property'.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion of converted land measuring 0-09.04 Guntas or 10073 Sq.Ft. in Survey No.85/5 (old No.85, later No.85/3), Konappana Agrahara Gram Panchayat V.P. Khata No.85/5, Earlier E-khata No.150200300600320621 (converted for industrial hi-tech purpose vide Official Memorandum of conversion order dated 06.02.2013 bearing No.ALN(SB)(BH) SR/80/2012-13, subsequently change of use of land into residential purpose obtained from BDA vide Commencement Certificate bearing No.BDA/TPM/CLU-35/2013-14/2579/2013-14), situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on East by: Road; West byRe-Survey No.87; North by: Re-Survey No.85/3; South by: Re-Survey No.85/2

**Sujatha.S,** Advocates
No.11, 1st G Cross, Subbanna Garden,
Vijaynagar, Bengaluru-560 040
Bengaluru Date: 15/03/2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **MUNIBAIRAPPA** have failed the above petition for death certificate of **Sri Chikkabairappa s/o late. Munishamappa was died on 08-10-1955,** at Anighatta village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and **date of hearing on 4-07-2024 at 11.00.A.M in C.MISC. No.19/2024.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
**Prashantha C.G & Venugopala, Advocate**

## HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE

Registered Office: No. 27-A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.
Head Office: No.167-169, 2nd Floor, Anna Salai, Saidapet, Chennai - 600015. Ph: 044-30079113

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**This is to inform the Public at large that M/s. Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd., hereby issue this Public Notice. One of our branch listed below moved to a new address.**

**Old Branch Address: No.21/1, Ground Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027**

**All existing customers are requested to visit/contact New Branch Address: Vinay Arcade, 4th Floor, #50, KH Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore - 560027**

**Any inconvenience caused in this regard is deeply regretted.**

**Company Secretary**
**Chennai - CO**

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE - U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP,

**HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017.**
**(Phone: 080 25084177, 4184, 4156)**

**CORRIGENDUM I**

| Sl.No | Description | Details |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of work | Annual Contract for the Supply of Potable Water to DOS Housing Colonies Jeeven Bhima Nagar, Domlur, Indira Nagar, New land & Old land, CISF Quarters and Barracks at Indira Nagar, Bengaluru. |
| 2 | E-Tender Notice No. | URSC/C&MG/C/TN/31/2023-24 dated: 11.03.2024 |
| 3 | Estimated cost put to tender | ₹ 40.15 Lakhs |
| 4 | Period during which the tender document can be downloaded. | Extended upto 10.30 hrs on 01.04.2024 |
| 5 | Last date and time for receipt of tenders | Up to 14.30 hrs. on 02.04.2024 |
| 6 | Due date and time of opening of tenders | After 14.30 hrs on 02.04.2024 |

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

**Sd/- Group Director C&MG**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are Informed that my client **Mr. Shirshail Jyoti.** R/at No.09, Mahadeshwara Nilaya, 4th F cross, 4th Main Road, Maruthinagara, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore-560079, hereby informs that the Original Sale Deed Dated 27.11.2013 registered as document No.3889/2013-14, Book-I, stored in C.D.no.LAGD220 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Laggere) Bangalore which have been lost/misplaced, near Malleshwaram Bangalore while going to take Xerox copy of the same. And also lodged a police complaint No0988944/2024 before Commissioner, Bangalore city Police in case any party has any claim towards the said relevant property, the same should be lodged with the intending party and also with the above stated Bank, within 7 days from publication of this Notice.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Western portion of Site No.02, Khatha No.121, Assessment No.3/3, situated at K.G.Lakkenahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 15 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 600 Sq.Ft. bounded on:**East by** :Remaining portion of Eastern portion of Site No.02, **West by** :Site No.03, **North by** :Private Property, **South by** :Road.

**Yours Cordially**
**T. A. HARISH B.A.L., LL.B.**
**Advocate/Legal Advisor**
**#15/7, 3rd Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560003.**
**E-Mail:taharish80@gmail.com**
**Mob: 9535506768**
**DATE:** 26.03.2024

## STATE BANK OF INDIA

**Retail Assets Central Processing Centre,**
No.117, Neilrao Towers , Rd Number 3,
Whitefield, Epip Phase 1, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560066
Email :sbi.177753@sbi.co.in

### POSSESSION NOTICE

**Under Rule 8(1)** (For immovable property)

**A/c. No.: SBI/RACPC/SRA/WTFLD/HL/37639984177**

**WHEREAS,** The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated **11/01/2024** issued, calling upon **BORROWER: 1).Sri. M. Gajendrian** S/o Late Chinnappan Murugan, No.133, Ammani Homes, 7th Cross,Old UCO Bank Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore North,Bengaluru, Karnataka-560016 **CO-BORROWER 2). Smt. Uma Eshwari** W/o Sri. M. Gajendrian No.133, Ammani Homes, 7th Cross,Old UCO Bank Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560016. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.58,65,941/-** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty One Only) as on 30/08/2023 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **26.03.2024.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs 59,69,964/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four Only) as on 20-03-2024 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**"SCHEDULE" (Description of the Property)**

All that piece and parcel of immovable house property bearing BBMP Khatha No.327/1/86/38, Sl No.2683, situated at No.133, 7th Cross, Old UCO Bank Road, Kowdenahalli @ Ramamurthy Nagar Bangalore and corresponding to (Old Site No. 38, Khatha No.327/1/86/38.SNo- 38 ( carved in Sy.No. 86 of Kowdenahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk), built on site measuring East to West 10 feet and North to South 30 feet totalling to 300 sft.,) and **bounded on the : East by: Sadashivaiah's House, West by: Gunasundari's House, North by: Road,South by : Road.**

The plinth area of the ground floor building is 250 sft., and first floor is 250 sft., totally 500 sft.

The building has RCC roof, mosaic flooring brick and mortar walls, jungle wood doors and windows and electricity, water and sewage connections.

**"SCHEDULE" : (Description of the Property)**

All that piece and parcel of immovable house property bearing BBMP KhathaSl No.371, CMC 94, Old UCO Bank Road, Kowdenahalli @ Ramamurthy Nagar Bangalore (under BBMP PID No.051 – W0138-2) and corresponding to old Site No. 16,(carved in Sy.No. 87 of Kowdenahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk), standing on site measuring East to West 35+ 29/2 feet and North to South 35 feet (totalling to 1,120 sft.,) and **bounded on the : East by : Road, West by :Shivarudraiah's House, North by : Road, South by : Road.**

The plinth area of the ground floor house is 700 sft., and first floor house is 600 sft., totally 1,300 sft.

The building has RCC roof, mosaic flooring brick and mortar walls, jungle wood doors and windows and electricity, water and sewage connections.

**Place:Bengaluru**
**Date: 26.03.2024**

*Sd/-*
Authorised Officer, State Bank of India
RACPC, Whitefield, Bengaluru

## IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU

**M.C. 4988 of 2023**

**BETWEEN:**
**Ms Nikitha N** ....Petitioner
AND
**Mr Mahesh S** ....Respondent

To
Mahesh S.
Aged about 32 years
S/o Mr Srinivasan
R/a #80, 4th Cross, 4th Main
Ramachandrapura,(Near Byrappa Garden)
Jalahalli, Bengaluru - 560 013

Whereas the Petitioner has filed a petition for divorce, reimbursement of sums paid by her and her family amounting to INR 2, 50, 00, 000/- (Indian Rupees Two Crores Fifty Lakhs only) and other consequential reliefs against you and you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and be able to answer all material question relating to the petition or who shall be accompanies by some person able to answer all such questions on 24/ 04/ 2024 at **11 a.m.** to answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for final disposal of the petition.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day abovementioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Court on this 29th day of February 2024.

By order of the court
Senior Sheiristedar
Family Court

**Law Chambers of Nitya Kalyani**
10, Ground Floor
12th Main Road
Vasanth Nagar
Bengaluru – 560001

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **JAYAMMA** W/o LATE MUNI LAKSHMAIHA, Aged About 80 Years, Residing at old NO 3, New No 18, near Sofia school, Vajarahalli, Thalaghattapura post, Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru 560062 who is the present owner of below mentioned properties and she was having Original gift Deeds dated 09.10.2012, vide Documents No.BNG(U)BSK6631/2012/13 of Book-1, CD.No.BSKD174 And BNG(U)BSK6632/2012/13 of Book-1, CD.No.BSKD174 registered in the office of Sub-registrar Banashankari, Bangalore in respect of Property bearing site No 2 in No 71, measuring east to west 30 feet north to south 40 feet total 1200 square feet, Situated at Chikkakalasandra village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk presently comes within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore and Another Property bearing site NO 51/44/33, Khatha No 51/44/33 measuring east to west 19 feet north to south 12 feet total 228 square feet, Situated at Chikkakalasandra village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk presently comes within the limits of BBMP, ward No 197 Bangalore and the aforesaid Original Gift Deed has been lost/misplaced while travelling by Autoriksha from Balaji layout, Vajarahalli, to Chikkakalasandra on 19.12.2023 and she has made best efforts in tracing the same but efforts were in vain, Further she lodged a police complaint in this regarding on 20.12.2023 with E-lost report No.0856353/2023, if anyone found the aforesaid documents, kindly contact at the office address given below.

**Sridhar Kumar B V B.A.L, LLB, Advocate,**
**K'Nataraj and Associates,**
**No.11, 1St Floor, VMC**
**Complex,Cubbonpet 10th Cross, Bangalore**
**560002 Mobile No.9743802223**

## IN THE COURT OF THE XVI ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE

**IN**
**P & SC. NO.143/2024**

**PETITIONER:Smt. S Hemalatha** W/o Late V. Selva Raj, Aged about 46 Years, No. 13, 13th Main Road, 4th Cross, Kodihally, Bengaluru-560008 **-V/S-**
**RESPONDENT: NIL**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

WHEREAS, the above named has made Petition to this Court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Sucession Certificate in favour of the petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Late Selvaraj, V, wife of petitioner herein who expired on 12/06/2017.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **04/04/2024 at 11 a.m.** inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parties.

**SCHEDULE**

JINDHAL STEEL AND POWER LTD, Name of shareholder, Vardaraj Selvaraj Folio No. 22652, Share certificate bearing No. 201159, Distinct from 16929746 distinct To 16931345 (1600 shares), 500964 Distinct from 161342257 distinct To 161350256 ( 8000 shares), FV (Rs.)1. And if any

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 15th day of March 2024

**By Order of the Court**
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

**K. Chandra Mohan Advocate**
**R. K. Associates**
No.19, Queens Road, Bengalore-560052

## ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

**Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat- 362266. Branch office at Star Avenue, No.1(78), 3rd Floor, 6th Cross Street, Victoria Layout, Victoria Road, Beside Vijaya Bank, Bangalore- 560025**

**APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]**

**Possession Notice (for Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a **demand notice dated 27-09-2023 calling upon the borrowers Tej Mariyappa , Savitha V Rao , mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 2,36,29,942.40/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Six Lac Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Two and Forty Paise Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act. read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **on this 23rd day of March of the year, 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of **Rs. 2,36,29,942.40/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Six Lac Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Two and Forty Paise Only)** and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the Act., in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

All That Piece And Parcel Of A Row House Bearing No. 10, In The Residential Complex Known As "Lgcl Puebio", Having A Super Built-Up Area 2652 Sq. Ft. With Exclusive Right To Use 750 Sq. Ft. Of Terrace Area And 450.80 Sq. Ft. Or Garden Area, 2718.13 Sq. Ft. Of Undivided Share In The Land, Constructed On Land Bearing Survey No. 36/2, 36/3, 36/4 & 40/2, Situated At Naganathapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Banglore, Karnataka-560100, And **Bounded As:-** Boundaries Of The Row House 10:- **East:** Road **West:** Boundary Of The Property **North:** Row House No. 11 **South:** Row House No. 9 **Boundaries Of The Entire Project:- East:** Land Bearing Survey No. 35, Remaining Portion Of Survey No. 36/3 And Land Bearing Survey No. 40/1 **West:** Land Bearing Survey No. 36/1, 39 And 41 **North:** Land Bearing Survey No. 40/1 **South:** Remaining Portion Of Survey No. 36/3 And Doddanagamangala Village Border And Road

**Date: 23.03.2024** **Authorised Officer**
**Place: Bangalore** **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited**

**Market Watch**

| MARKET | | | GOLD | | | SILVER | | | FOREX | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 361.64 ↓ | Sensex | 72,470.30 | ₹110 ↓ | 24 carat (10 gm) | ₹66,860 | ₹300 ↓ | 1 kg | ₹77,500 | ↓ | Dollar | 83.35 |
| 92.05 ↓ | Nifty | 22,004.70 | ₹100 ↓ | 22 carat (10 gm) | ₹61,300 | ₹3 ↓ | 10 gm | ₹775 | ↑ | Euro | 90.44 |

# 'Client consent must for insurance'

PSBs say branches have target, but they can't deduct premium without customers' consent

**MONIKA YADAV** @ New Delhi

AMID reports that the public sector banks (PSBs) have enrolled customers for the small insurance schemes launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi without their permission, bankers say they are not allowed to do so without their consent.

Though the bankers concurred that every banking branch has a monthly target to accomplish, they can't deduct premium without customers' authorisation. These small insurance schemes include - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana and they aim to provide social security to the people below certain income threshold after the age of 60.

"Every banking branch has a monthly target to achieve. They do try to sell such schemes when customers apply for loans but they never coerce them. Without consent no, banks can debit such amounts from the customers' accounts. This particular case may be exceptional but generally they take consent," a banking official, who didn't wish to be identified told this paper.

Meanwhile, another former banker said that many times when a premium is very low, which people generally don't care about, banks may undertake such steps. But customers can always exit such schemes. He reiterated what the above official claimed that without permission, such transactions are not possible.

Another top banking official claimed the Centre never creates pressure on banks to achieve the targets for their schemes.

Finance Minister Nirrmala Sitharman in her tweet on X while responding to Jairam Ramesh's claims that the Atal Pension Scheme is a poorly-structured scheme and that many accounts were opened under the scheme without seeking permission from the customers, said, "Atal Pension Yojana is designed based on best practice choice architecture to automatically continue the premium payment unless the subscriber opts out. This is a deliberate and beneficial feature which is in the best interest of the subscribers. Instead of requiring people to decide each year to continue, they have to make a decision to discontinue. This makes many of them take the right decision and save for their retirement."

Ramesh said about 83% of subscribers fall under the ₹1,000 pension bracket due to its low monthly contribution, often overlooked by recipients.

**Small insurance schemes include PMJJBY, APY**

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# Shapoorji sells stake in Gopalpur Port to Adani

**ARSHAD KHAN** @ New Delhi

THE Shapoorji Pallonji Group has sold its stake in Gopalpur Port Limited (GPL) to Adani Ports and SEZ Limited (APSEZ) for an enterprise value of ₹3,350 crore.

APSEZ, India's largest port operator, will buy 56% stake of SP Group and 39% of Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL) in GPL at an enterprise value of ₹3,080 crore. In addition, there is a contingent consideration of ₹270 crores estimated to be payable after 5.5 years.

This is the second port divestment in the last few months from the SP Group, the second largest stakeholder in the Tata Group. It had earlier divested its Dharamtar Port to billionaire Sajjan Jindal-led JSW Infrastructure for an enterprise value of ₹710 crore.

With these asset sales, SP Group said it continues its deleveraging journey with planned asset monetisation to marquee counterparts. The Gopalpur stake sale comes amid report that SP Group is in talks with multiple lenders to raise as much as ₹20,000 crore to refinance debt.

"The planned divestments of Gopalpur Port and Dharamtar Port, at a significant enterprise value, demonstrate our Group's ability to turn around assets and create stakeholder value in a relatively short period of time, capitalising our core strengths in project development and construction," said a Shapoorji Pallonji Group spokesperson. The spokesperson added, "These divestments are key milestones in our roadmap to reduce Group debt and set the stage for growth, taking advantage of the macro trends for demand in our core businesses, both in India and overseas".

For Adani, however, the takeover is another addition to its ever-growing port portfolio. Adani now operates 7 ports and terminals on the west coast and 7 on the East coast of India, representing 27% of the country's total port volumes. It is also developing a transhipment port at Colombo, Sri Lanka and operates the Haifa Port in Israel.

Karan Adani, MD of APSEZ, said the location will allow them unprecedented access to the mining hubs of Odisha and neighboring states and allow them to expand our hinterland logistics footprint. Gopalpur port has the capacity to handle 20 MMTPA. In FY'24, GPL is estimated to handle about 11.3 MMT cargo (YoY growth of 52%) and earn a revenue of ₹520 cr (YoY growth: 39%) and achieve EBITDA of ₹232 crore (YoY growth: 65%). The Odisha government awarded a 30-year concession to GPL in 2006, with the provision of two extensions of 10 years each.

**GDP FORECAST**

## S&P Global sees India's FY25 growth at 6.8%

**MONIKA YADAV** @ New Delhi

S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday increased India's FY25 GDP forecast by 0.4% to 6.8%. However, it said a reduced fiscal deficit could potentially weaken the economic growth.

The Reserve Bank of India had projected a GDP growth of 7% for FY25. S&P Global in its report said it expects the growth in FY25 to moderate from the better than expected 7.6% growth in FY2024. The report mentioned that elevated interest rates may impact demand in the upcoming fiscal year and the regulatory mechanisms to control unsecured lending could impact credit expansion. The agency said that it expects loan growth to decline to 14% in FY25 from 16% in FY24, reflecting the cumulative impact of all these actions.

"For Asian emerging market (EM) economies, we generally project robust growth, with India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam in the lead. Restrictive interest rates are likely to weigh on demand next fiscal year while regulatory actions to tame unsecured lending will affect credit growth. A lower fiscal deficit will also dampen growth," the rating agency said in its Economic Outlook Asia-Pacific report.

As per the report, stricter norms may disrupt affected entities and increase caution among fintechs and other regulated entities.

## SpiceJet settles ₹755 crore liabilities with lessor EDC

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ New Delhi

SPICEJET has signed an agreement with aircraft lessor Export Development Canada (EDC) to settle liabilities worth Rs 755 crore and acquire the full ownership of thirteen EDC-financed Q400 aircraft. The airline said on Tuesday that the agreement will allow them to clear major liabilities, leading to a comprehensive revitalization of its balance sheet.

The settlement with EDC will enable the airline to save ₹567 crore, SpiceJet added. The airline, which is raising ₹2,250 crore via preferential issue of shares and warrants from investor, is on a settlement spree. In recent times, it has settled liabilities with aircraft lessors such as Echelon Ireland Madison One, Cross Ocean Partners and Celestial aviation. SpiceJet settled dispute worth ₹413 crore with Echelon Ireland Madison One and ₹93 crore dispute with Cross Ocean Partners. Last month it settled ₹250 crore dispute with Celestial Aviation.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD of SpiceJet, said, "We are pleased to have reached this settlement agreement with EDC and we thank their leadership and management team for their cooperation, understanding and progressive approach through the process. This milestone will allow us to strengthen our balance sheet and position the airline for long-term success."

The liabilities with EDC stem from a loan acquired by the airline in 2011 for procurement of 15 aircraft. With twelve of these Q400s currently grounded, their refurbishment and subsequent return to service will enable SpiceJet to launch flights on numerous regional and UDAN routes, the airline said.

## Irdai retains surrender value norms, big relief for life insurance companies

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ Bengaluru

THE Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has come up with final regulations with regard to the surrender value of insurance policies. This will be implemented from April 1.

Under the new regulations, all individual non-linked non-single premium products shall acquire a guaranteed surrender value on the payment of the premium for at least two consecutive years. Also, it issued a series of regulations.

"These regulations promote good governance in product design and pricing, including strengthening the principles governing guaranteed surrender value & special surrender value along with disclosures thereof," IRDAI said in a statement.

The guaranteed surrender value (GSV) will be at least 30% of the total premiums paid, less any survival benefits already paid, if surrendered during the second year of the policy.

In the new norms, if surrendered during the third year of the policy, the GSV will be 35% and 50% between the fourth and seventh year of the policy.

For single premium products, the GSV will be 75% if surrendered within three years and 90% if one surrenders during the last two years of the policy. The decision is expected to mitigate ambiguity within the sector and could prompt a positive upswing. The IRDA (Insurance Products) Regulations, 2024, is largely maintaining the status quo as far as the surrender values of non-linked or linked life insurance products are concerned, and is a big departure from the exposure draft of Dec-23, said analysts at Emkay Global Financial Services.

**Return on premium payment guaranteed**

Under the new regulations, all individual non-linked non-single premium insurance products shall acquire a guaranteed surrender value on the payment of the premium for at least two consecutive years

## DGCA puts on hold June 1 deadline for pilot rest norms

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ Chennai

THE excessive lobbying by airlines seems to have borne fruit as country's aviation regulator DGCa has put on hold implementation of new duty norms for pilots from June 1.

The is a big setback for pilot community and cabin crew who were anticipating less stringent working hours.

"All operators engaged in scheduled air transport operations may continue to operate in compliance with CAR Section 7 Series J Part III Issue Ill dated 24*h April 2019 till approval of their respective scheme in compliance with this CAR," said DGCA in a notification on Tuesday.

To address fatigue among pilots and crew, DGCA in January increased mandatory weekly rest period for flight crew to 48 hours from the previous 36 hours. DGCA also cut the maximum flight duty period to 10 hours from 13 hours for pilots working nights and limited the number of flight landings to two, from six, during night operations.

Airlines opposed this measures as they said the new rule would increase working force requirements by 15-20% and it won't be possible to implement it by June 1. The revised Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) norms for flight crew were coming at a time when there are rising concerns about pilot fatigue, especially after a spate of pilot deaths last year.

## Luxury homes of ₹50 cr or more in high demand

**ARSHAD KHAN** @ New Delhi

SALES of ultra-luxury housing units, priced ₹50 crore and above, rose 51% year-on-year in value to ₹4,319 crore in 2023, according to real estate consultant JLL India. The data showed that 45 homes, priced ₹50 crore and above, were sold last year as against 29 homes sold in 2022.

Notably, out of the 45 luxury homes sold in 2023, 14 homes were in the price segment of ₹100 crore and above, with the majority (79%) of them in Mumbai. The momentum in this niche segment remains high as in the first two months of 2024, at least four homes priced at ₹50 crore and above have been sold with a combined worth of ₹397 crore.

"With a growing segment of high-net-worth individuals seeking exclusive and opulent living spaces, the demand for luxury properties is expected to surge. Moreover, with growing number of HNIs in the country, the demand for these homes will grow further" said Ritesh Mehta, Senior Director, and Head (North and West), residential services and developer initiative, JLL India. As per Hurun Global Rich List 2024, India now has 271 billionaires (US dollars), an increase of 84 individuals year-on-year.

Out of the 45 transactions in 2023, 58% were apartments and the rest 42% were bungalows. Mumbai saw a total of at least 29 luxury homes sold, with a combined value of ₹3,031 crore. Delhi NCR followed closely with at least 12 luxury homes sold, worth ₹1,043 crore. Bengaluru witnessed at least 4 transactions in this segment, amounting to a sales value of ₹245 crore.

Ashwin Chadha, CEO, of India Sotheby's International Realty, said that traditionally only bungalows, farmhouses, and independent luxury villas commanded prices above ₹50 crore, now apartments and penthouses in high-rise buildings in top pin codes also fetch such prices due to the exclusive lifestyle and luxury amenities they offer.

Aakash Ohri, Jt Managing Director and Chief Business Officer, DLF Homes, said, "The surge in demand for ultra-luxury homes in the Indian real estate industry is unprecedented, fueled by a rise in wealth creation and economic resilience among affluent segments. This shift is driven by a newfound appreciation for real estate as both an appreciating asset and a source of tangible and intrinsic value."

**FUNDING WINTER**

## *Start-up funding falls 29% to $1.6 bn in Q1CY24*

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ Bengaluru

THE start-up ecosystem in India witnessed a slowdown in funding in the first quarter of 2024 as it raised only $1.6 billion, a 29% drop compared to the same period last year. Start-ups had raised $2.24 billion in Q1 2023.

According to a report by market intelligence platform Tracxn, late-stage funding has seen the biggest drop this quarter, dropping by over 46% to $0.67 billion in Q1 2024 from $1.25 billion raised in Q4 2023 and dropping by 48% compared to $1.3 billion raised in the same period in Q1 2023

Early-stage funding witnessed an increase of 28%. Out of $1.6 billion in funding, Shadowfax and Credit Saison received the highest funding of over $100 million, with Capillary, Rentomojo, and Captain Fresh also being among the top funded companies.

The quarter saw the emergence of two new unicorns—Perfios and Ola Krutrim. Additionally, IPO numbers surged, with eight tech companies going public, including MediaAssist, WTI, Exicom, and LawSikho. In first quarter of 2023, only two companies went public.

Neha Singh, co-founder of Tracxn, said, "Despite the funding slowdown and economic fluctuations, India's tech start-up ecosystem is still one of the top-performing tech ecosystems globally. Even with the slowdown seen in this quarter, we anticipate the bounce back quickly, propelled by government initiatives and a large consumer base comprising the world's largest young population."

The report added that Retail, FinTech, and Enterprise Applications were the top-performing sectors in Q1 (until March 15) 2024. The retail sector received funding of $494 million, which was a decline of 34% compared to the previous quarter. Enterprise Applications received $448 million funding, a growth of 48% compared to $302 million received in the previous quarter.

Bengaluru emerged as the leader in total funds raised during Q1 (until March 15, 2024, followed by Mumbai and Noida. Venture Catalysts, We Founder Circle, and Titan Capital led the seed investments in Q1 2024, while Peak XV Partners, Saama Capital, and RTP Global were prominent in early-stage investments.

**MONEY RAISED IN Q1**

Late-stage funding drops by over **46%**

Seed-stage funding sees a minor drop of 7%, falling to **$168 MN**

Enterprise Applications received **$448 MN**

Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Noida are the top funded cities in India

Shadowfax and Credit Saison raised funds over **$100 mn**

Retail sector received a total of **$494 mn** in funding

## US co ACV picks Chennai for tech centre

**HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE** @ Bengaluru

BUFFALO, New York-based digital automotive marketplace ACV has launched a new development centre in Chennai, its first facility in Asia, in a bid to leverage the tech talent pool of the city, which already boasts of a robust auto industry scene and several SaaS enterprises.

The new ACV India Development Center will work on the company's existing product line-up, while also involving in new product development, especially its planned push in the commercial segment, expected to launch around the year-end.

ACV is the preferred B2B digital marketplace for used cars in the US, acting as a bridge between dealers who want to wholesale cars to each other. It offers a range of services, including sourcing, selling, and managing used vehicles. "In the US, whenever an end-consumer goes to a dealer to buy a car, there is a 40-50% chance that he would trade in his old car. In this scenario, the dealer, after buying the vehicle, could either recondition and retail it to another consumer, or wholesale it to another dealer better-positioned to resell to a consumer. Each year, 10-15 million cars get wholesaled between dealers (pre-Covid)," ACV COO Vikas Mehta told *TNIE*.

More commonly, 85% of used cars are transacted through physical auctions, a system exposed to risk and chance. Meanwhile, ACV's approach is to digitise the wholesale transaction, making it more efficient, scalable and transparent. "We have a strong inspection process, along with personalisation, data integration, notifications, and filters. We handle all the activities at the back-end, including the ownership paperwork transfer," Mehta said, adding that ACV sees 45,000-50,000 transactions a month.

Earlier this year, the company announced plans to foray into the commercial-to-dealer segment, which includes supply of cars from fleet companies, rentals, off-lease companies, and banks, working to dispose of their fleets. Accordingly, the Chennai facility comes at an opportune time. "The ACV India Development Center will be a microcosm of our global product tech strategy. We will hire and staff up, with full-stack roles -- back-end, front-end, product management, process roles, mid- and senior-level leadership roles. Currently, we have a staff of about 15, and we plan to scale to over 100 within the next year," he added. The new positions will be involved with a wide variety of technologies, platforms and applications, integral to ACV's innovation efforts, in AI, data services and other core areas.

ACV currently operates in the US. It, however, has tech centres in Canada, France, and now India.

## Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

**(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)**
**Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.**

### DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same

| SR NO | Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)(NAME OF THE BRANCH) | 13(2) Notice Date Claim Amount | Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **BRANCH - Hsr Layout Loan No - SEHRLYT0418891 BORROWER - MR. SYED MUSHTAQ AHMED GUARANTOR - SALMA J** | **07.03.2024 & 1571645** | All that Peace And Parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 10, old Khatha No. 365/80, property No.57, New BBMP Khatha No. 1291/365/10, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet, situated at Kothanuru Village, K.R. Puram Hubli, presently comes under jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.25, Bangalore East Taluk. North by: Site Bearing No. 11, South by: Site Bearing No. 9, East by: Site Bearing No. 3, West by: Road. Measurement: Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of K.R.Puram and Registration District of Bangalore. |

**Date - 27.03.2024, Place - Bangalore** **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**My Clients Mr. E BHUVANA KUMAR and Mrs. BHUVANESWARI BHUVANA KUMAR,** both residing at No.16, 12th Cross Street, Indira Nagar, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020 are intended to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr. SRIDHAR .R KOLAR, 73/41, 14th Cross, 11th Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore 560 070, the Residential Property situated at **Property bearing House List No. 143, Khata No. 1066,** in Converted Sy. No. 42/2, **BBMP Khata No. 1558/1066/143,** Ward No. 192, Situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

If any person/institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and Documents, the said claims along-with supporting documents shall be filed with undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

**SHIVAPRASAD PROPERTY LAW SERVICES LLP,** Advocates
Office at No.41/11, 2nd Main, Sripuram, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.

## Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking

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### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
### (Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch II, Bangalore will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

| Sl. No | Name of Borrowers and Guarantors | Total Liabilities | Details and full description of the property | Auction Date & Time | Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time | 1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **BORROWER**<br>**1. M/s Mallella Infrastructure Private Limited**<br>through Its Director Sri M Pawan Kumar, Smt M Latha Preeti and Sri K Charan Kumar Regd Office: No 540, 17th Main 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560 102<br><br>**GUARANTOR**<br>**1. Sri M Pawan Kumar,** S/o Sri M Nagireddy, No.307/7, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070<br>**2. Smt M Latha Preeti,** W/o Sri M Pawan Kumar No.307/7, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070<br>**3. Sri K Charan Kumar,** S/o and C/o Sri Reddeppa Reddy, No.54 Ground Floor, UAS Layout 8th Cross RMV 2nd Stage, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore North, PO:RMV Extension II Stage, Bangalore-560 094 | **Rs. 40,92,04,545.32/-** (Rupees Forty Crores Ninety Two lakhs four thousand five hundred forty five and Paisa thirty two only) of M/s Mallela Infrastructure Private Limited and others including costs and interest as on 29/02/2024 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc | **Property 1 :** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.252, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No. 396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1583/252, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6000 sq. ft., and **bounded on the: East by** : Road, **West by** : Site No.253, **North by** : Site No. 251, **South by :** Others' Property<br>**Property 2 :** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.249, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No. 396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1498/249, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 95 feet, in all measuring 6650 sq. ft., and **bounded on the: East by :** Site No.250, **West by :** Site No.248, **North by :** Site No. 246, **South by :** Road.<br>**Property 3 :** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.248, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No.396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1500/248, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 95 feet, in all measuring 5700 sq. ft., and **bounded on the: East by :** Site No.249, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Site No. 247, **South by :** Road.<br>**Property 4 :** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.121, BBMP Khatha No.1803/121. New PID NO.192-W1298-50, (erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.1019-1181-766/A-1026/1184, measuring East to West 100 feet, and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6000 sq.ft., carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No.114, (converted vide official memorandum bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)581/82-83, dated 25.1.1982, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike Ward No.192-Begur, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and **bounded on the: East** by : Site No.120, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 122, **South by** : Road.<br>**Property 5 :** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.77, BBMP Khatha No.1343/77, New PID No.192-W0422-10, (erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.1025-1183/1026-1184/766/C), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6,000 square feet, carved on residentially converted lands bearing Sy.No. 142, 143/1 and Sy.No.143/2, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, and **bounded on the: East by :** Site No.52, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 78A, **South by** : Site No.76<br>**Property 6 : Item No.1.** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.182, bearing BBMP Khatha No.3315/117/7/182, situated in the layout known as"VISWAPRIYA GREENERIES", formed in the land converted land bearing Sy.No.117/7 ofBegur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (converted for residential purposes vide official Memorandum bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)154/81-82, dated 31.8.1981, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 3800 square feet, presently within BBMP Begur Ward No.192, and **bounded on the: East by :** Site No.179, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 183, **South by :** Site No.181.<br>**Item No.2.** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.179, bearing BBMP Khatha No.3316/117/7/182, situated in the layout known as"VISWAPRIYA GREENERIES", formed in the land converted land bearing Sy.No.117/7 of Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (converted for residential purposes vide official Memorandum bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)154/81-82, dated 31.8.1981, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 3800 square feet, presently within BBMP Begur Ward No.192, and **bounded on the: East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.182, **North by :** Site No. 178, **South by :** Site No.180. | 12.04.2024 Time 10.30 AM to 11.00 AM | **Property 1 : Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,63,30,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 16,33,000/-<br>**Property 2 : Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,65,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 16,50,000/-<br>**Property 3 : Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,41,30,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 14,13,000/-<br>**Property 4 : Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,44,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 14,40,000/-<br>**Property 5 : Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,44,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 14,40,000/-<br>**Property 6 : Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,82,30,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 18,23,000/-<br>before **10.04.2024 up to 3.00 pm** | 1) Multiples of Rs.50,000/-<br>2) A/c No. 209272434<br>IFSC : CNRB0006298<br>**Encumbrance(s):** Not Known to the Bank |

**Other terms and conditions**

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, RTGS/NEFT IFSCCODE CNRB0006298 on or before 10/04/2024- 3.00 p.m.
e) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602
f) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 10/04/2024 - 3.00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or by email.
i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.
iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
g) The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602
h) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
i) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.50,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
k) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
m) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
n) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
o) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank
P) For further details contact Ranjan Kumar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (080-25310181) e-mail id or the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail:eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION**

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price

**Place: Bangalore** **Sd/-, Authorized Officer**
**Date: 26.03.2024** **Canara Bank**

## UNION BANK OF INDIA

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**Jayanagar Branch (02731)**
T. Mariyappa Road, 1st Block, JAYANAGAR
BANGALORE- 560011. Mobile: 93245 02731
Email: ubin0802735@unionbankofindia.bank

### DEMAND NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC.13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT

**Borrower: M/S HEALTH AND GLOW PHARMACEUTICALS,** No.179, Shop No 02, 11th Main Road, 3rd Stage,1st Block, West of Chord Road, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru-560010.
**Co-applicant/Co-obligant/Guarantor: Mrs Jayalakshmi** W/o Subbaiah, No 34-8th Main 13th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003.
**Mrs R Geetha,** No. 24-1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, Gayathri Tapovana, Kothanur Dinne Main Road, J P Nagar, 8th Phase, Near Keerthi Convention Hall, Bangalore-560078.

**Notice under section 13(2) read with Section 13(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.**

You the addressee No. 1 & 2 herein have availed the following credit facilities from our Jayanagar Branch Branch and failed to pay the dues/ instalment/ interest/ operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the income Recognition and prudential norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-performing Asset as on 28-02-2024 As on 02-03-2024, a sum of Rs.11,69,404.30 (Rupees eleven lakhs sixty nine thousand four hundred and four rupees thirty paise only) is outstanding in your account as shown below.

| Facility & Account Number | Outstanding amount as on 31-12-2023 | Unapplied interest as on 31-12-2023 | Penal interest (Simple) | Cost / Charges incurring by Bank | Total dues as on 31-12-2023 (in Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HOUSING LOAN 027330100030992 | 10,95,813.33 | 73,590.97 | 2% | Nil | 11,69,404.30* |
| TOTAL | | | | | **11,69,404.30*** |

* further interest and charges applicable

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, you have executed documents on **14-06-2018** and created security interest by way of mortgage of immovable property described herein below.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET/s:** All that part and parcel of residential Site and building situated at property bearing No.2-2-525-56A, (Municipality No 2) Municipal Khatha and Assessment No 179/179A, Somawarpet, Chamarajanagar Town, Bengaluru-571313 with extent of site 11,406 Sq.ft. and building with total plinth area (GF)of 2600 Sft. **East by:** Private Property; **West by:** Government pond; **North by:** Private Property; **South By:** Portion of the proportion sold to others and Bypass road.

Therefore you are hereby called upon in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of **Rs. 11,69,404.30 (Rupees eleven lakhs sixty nine thousand four hundred and four rupees thirty paise only)** together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge the liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.
As per section 13(13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.
Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Date: 26.03.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place: Bangalore** **Union Bank of India**

## CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

**Credit Recovery and Management Department**
**Administrative Office :** No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
**Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

### RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.43,53,810/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten only)** as on **21-03-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **22-03-2024** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Vision Resources, No.E-161, Shakthi Nagar, Behind TTK Factory, Udaya Nagar, D.V. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560016. No.2) Mr. R. Venkatesh, S/o. C Ranganathan, No.E-161, Shakthi Nagar, Behind TTK Factory, Udaya Nagar, D.V. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560016. No.3) Mrs. Lalitha Venkatesh, W/o. R Venkatesh, No.E-161, Shakthi Nagar, Behind TTK Factory, Udaya Nagar, D.V. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560016.**

**Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank**
**(Property Owned by Mr. R. Venkatesh, S/o. C. Ranganathan)**

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing House in Site No.6/A/1B, in Katha No.17/60, situated at Benniganahalli Village, Nagavarapalya, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring : East to West 40 + 48/2 Feet and North to South 15+30/2 feet and bounded on : East by - Nala, West by - Private Property, North by - Private Property, South by - Balarama's Property.

**Reserve Price : Rs.27,00,000/-**
**(Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh only)**

**RE-AUCTION DETAILS**

| Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale | Venue |
|---|---|
| **16-04-2024** | **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Basavanagudi Branch,** No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560004. Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470 |

**Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :**

**(1)** The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560004**. **(3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 25-03-2024** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office :** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
**Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

**ARM-1 BRANCH**
**2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Towers,**
**M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001,**
**Telefax: 080-25310066, E-mail : cb2366@canarabank.com**

### SALE NOTICE

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 16.04.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 26,95,12,400.87/-** as on **25.03.2024** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **(1) M/s. SRS Transport,** No. 53, 1st Main, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008 **(2) Sri Thulasiram V,** S/o Vishwanath, No. 53, 1st Main Road, Behind C M H Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008. **(3) Smt. Bhuvaneshwari T,** W/o Thulasiram V, No. 53, 1st Main Road, Behind C M H Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008. **(4) M/s. SRS Logistics & Warehousing,** No. 3208, 6th C Main Road, 13th Cross, HAL II stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru-560038 **Also at M/s SRS Logistics & Warehousing,** No. B-45, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Bommasandra Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru – 560099.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **15.04.2024 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer **Canara Bank ARM-1** Branch or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366).**

**(₹.In Lakhs)**

| SI No | Description of the immovable assets: | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Incremental Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | All that piece and parcel of: **Property No 1:** Bearing municipal No 115, 114,113,112,111 &110(old no: 3A,4,5,6,7,8) PID No: 75-2-110, 75-2-111, 75-2-112, 75-2-113,75-2-114, 75-2-115 Cambridge road, BBMP Jogupalya ward no 75, Halasuru Bangalore-560008 each measuring 200sq ft and in all measuring 1200 sqft and bounded on the East by: Jogupalya main road, West by: property of Sarvamangala, North by: property belonging to Sri Sathisheshwar/ HS Rajeshwari/ RoopaSiddaraju and South by: G 1st street.<br>**Property no 2:** bearing municipal new no 2 (old no: 33-40) PID:75-44-2 Cambridge road BBMP Jogupalya ward no 75 Halasuru, Bangalore 560008 in all measuring 1723 sqft and bounded East by: property belonging to Indumathi West by: Cambridge road North by: SV road/madras road and South by: property belonging to Smt. Sarvamangala.<br>**Property no 3:** Bearing municipal new no 3 (old no 26/32) PID no: 75-44-3 Cambridge road BBMP Jogupalya ward no 75 Halasuru, Bangalore-560008. in all measuring 4617 sqft and bounded on East by: property belonging to Smt. Indumathi Shivaprasad, West by: Cambridge road, North by: property belonging to Sathisheshwar/ HS Rajeshwari/ Roopa Siddaraju and South by: Kempamma temple. | **1168.70** | **116.88** | **1.00** |

**Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.**
**For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9448507473 and 9627872626 during office hours on any working day.**

**Place: Bengaluru** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Date : 26.03.2024** **Canara Bank**

## PUBLIC NOTICE
### (SALE and LOSS OF DOCUMENTS)

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that our client(s) intend(s) to purchase the below-mentioned Schedule Property from **Sri. Srikanth N.** who claims to be the absolute owner of the same, having derived title thereto under a **Registered Gift Deed** dated **04-12-2023** which was executed in his favour by his parents **Sri. Hanumanthappa N. & Smt. Nagarathnamma B.** and registered as **Document No.YAN-1-11130-2023-24** of **Book-I** and stored in Central Data Cell in the Office of the **Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore.**

Any person(s) / institution(s) objecting to the proposed sale or asserting any manner of lawful right, title, interest or share over the Schedule Property or part thereof, is / are required to lodge their objections/claims preferably with photo-copies of documents based on which they object to the said sale or stake their claim, only by registered post with acknowledgement due, so as to reach at the below-mentioned address within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this publication, failing which our client(s) shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims of any nature thereon, and all claims even if existing, shall be deemed to have been waived off / abandoned. Any objections/claims received after the said period, or personal representation(s) or communication by any other mode shall not be entertained / considered under any circumstances.

Further, the above said **Sri. Srikanth N.** has represented to our client(s) that his predecessor-in-title **Smt. Padma Srivatsan** W/o. Dr. B.P. Srivatsan has lost the **Original Registered Sale Deed** dated **24-07-1972** which was registered as **Document No.1781/72-73** of **Book-I** in **Volume No.2711** at **Page No.165** in the **Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore** alongwith the **Possession Certificate dated 20-05-1979** both executed / issued by The Bangalore Postal Employees Housing Co-operative Society Limited in favour of **Sri. B. R. Shankar Rao,** the original owner of the Schedule Property. Any person who is in possession of / finds the said documents is required to intimate by registered post with acknowledgement due to the below-mentioned address immediately without fail. Finders shall be suitably rewarded for their efforts.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.70, PID No.100-732-70** situated at **4th Main Road, 2nd Stage, P & T Colony, Sanjayanagar, Bangalore** (formerly Site No.70 in The Bangalore Postal Employees Housing Co-operative Society Layout formed in the lands bearing Sy.No.26/1 of Geddalahalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk), in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old Ward No.100, New Ward No.19 (Sanjayanagar Ward), measuring:

**EAST to WEST : 45 feet / NORTH to SOUTH : 43 feet**

Totally measuring about 1935 sq. feet and bounded on the:

**EAST by** : Public Road;
**WEST by** : Site No.69;
**NORTH by** : Public Road;
**SOUTH by** : Daffodils English School (formerly private property belonging to Saraswathi Vidyalaya in Sy. No.25/4).

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**DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) READ WITH SEC.13(3) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002**

'We, **Union Bank of India, MIEL Branch,** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

**1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mr. Rekala Govinda Rao, (2) Mrs. Rekala Venkata Lakshmi, Both are residing at:** Flat No.205, A Block, V R Pearl Apartments, Phase 2, Nisarga Hitech Layout, Kasaba Hobli, Kannurahalli, Bangalore-562114.

**[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]**

| Type of Facility | Outstanding amount as on date of NPA i.e. as on 11.01.2024 | Un applied interest w.e.f. from 10.01.2024 to | Total dues |
|---|---|---|---|
| Home Loan 560631001781783 | Rs. 26,64,031.49 | - | Rs. 26,64,031.49 |
| CGSHB Top UP Loan 560621000026191 | Rs. 2,34,377.92 | - | Rs. 2,34,377.92 |

**Total Liability Amount: Rs.28,98,409.41 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Nine and Forty One Paise Only)** as on **11.01.2024** together with further interest and charges.

**NPA Date : 10.01.2024** **Demand Notice Dated : 11.01.2024**

**Mortgage of immovable property described herein below: Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing VP Katha No. 15030040102575, Converted Sy.No.151/4, (Converted vide Conversion Certificate bearing No.ALN(HK).SR. 104/2013-14, dated 10/02/2014, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore) situated at Hosakote Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, totally measuring 13 and Half Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by: Site No. 117 in Nisarga Hi-Tech Layout; West by: Property belongs to N Naidu; North. by: Nisarga Hi-Tech Layout; South by: Nisarga Hi-Tech Layout;

**Item No.II:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing of Plot No. 117, Khatha No.1051, a layout formed out of Converted Survey No.150/1, in the layout named "NISARGA HI-TECH PHASE -I LAYOUT" (converted vide the Orders of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, dated 03/10/2009, bearing No.ALN(H) SR:77/2009-10) and as per the residential layout plan approved by vide No.HA/LA0/05/2009-10, dated 24/09/2010, situated at Kannurahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk Bangalore Rural Dsitrict, measuring 26.09 + 39.55 Mtrs/2 x 16.46mts, Totally measuring 540.20 Sq.Mtrs or 5814.89 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by: 80 ft Road; west by: Private property; North by: Site Nos. 118, 119, 120 and 121; South by: Site Nos, 116 & 115;

**SCHEDULE "B"** : 29.07 Sq.mtrs or 312.90 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.

**SCHEDULE "C":** Plot bearing No.205, in the Second Floor, E. Khata No. 150300401000120482, in block "A" measuring about 102.19 Sqmtrs or 1100 Sq.feet super built up area, containing Two bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc, in the multistoried residential building complex known as "VR PEARL" constructed over Schedule "A" Property and the above said flat bounded on East by: Flat No.204; West by: Flat No.206; North by: Wide corridor; South by: Open to Sky;

**Date : 26.03.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place : Bengaluru** **Union Bank of India**

## DOCUMENT LOST

I, **VACHAN SAGAR** S/o Mr. N.T. Sagar, aged about 47 years, R/at No.77, 3rd Cross, Nandidurga Extension, Near Janatha Bazar, Bangalore-560 046 do hereby inform to the general public that I am the absolute owner of the site No. 148, Katha No. 148/99/1, measuring about 2020 sqft, situated at over the converted land bearing Sy. No. 99/1 of Rachenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes with the limit of BBMP, Bangalore, through registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Banasawadi, Bangalore, Vide Regd. No. BNS-1-06705/2013-14, stored in CD No. BNSD283 of Book 1. I state that I have lost the original Sale Deed dated 07-08-2013 and in this regard on 24-03-2024, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, vide Lost Report No. 0988042/2024. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 9845100500.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Smt. Shobha Sudhakar and Sri. Gopal Reddy, residing at Narayanappa Layout,3rd Cross, Behind High School, Varthur, Banglore 560087, and Muthasandra village, Varthur, Bangalore 560087, respectively.

Any person having any objection regarding the said transaction, any contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within this week's time failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All the part and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy.No.131/1, measuring 1 acres 9 guntas in MR No. T90/2022-2023 dated 19.01.2021 of Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, and bounded on :

East by : Land of Sy.No.131/2
West by : Land of Chikkanna @ Hottappa
North by : Land of Thoti Kaverappa
South by : Land of Jayaram, Muddanna, and Dodda Hagadurappa,

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## *Miami Open: Top seed Swiatek, Gauff crash out*

World No 1 **Iga Swiatek** was knocked out of the Miami Open after inspired Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova triumphed 6-4, 6-2 in their fourth round match on Monday. France's Caroline Garcia upset World No 3 Coco Gauff, beating the American 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 on Monday to advance to the quarterfinals.



# LEFT IS RIGHT FOR CSK

### Rachin and Dube light up crowd with some crisp-hitting display

**GOMESH S** @ Chennai

Shivam Dube (L) & Rachin Ravindra were in full flow on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

WHEN Rachin Ravindra blazed his way to a 17-ball 35 against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the opening game of the Indian Premier League, it felt like a teaser of what's to come. It was the first time the sea of yellow, one of the most loyal fanbases in the sport, watched the tall New Zealander draped in Chennai Super Kings colours.

Much like those watching on TV, thousands of fans at the MA Chidambaram Stadium were stunned but in a very pleasant way. He had played at the venue and impressed everyone during ODI World Cup last year but this was different. He was playing for CSK and he went about his business of accumulating runs in a brisk manner.

The scene was set for Tuesday. Rachin, once again, walked out to bat with captain Ruturaj Gaikwad. This time, the 33,400-strong crowd filled the venue were ready to embrace the youngster. And it did not take long. Rachin first flicked Umesh Yadav off his hips to deposit the ball in the stands and then threw his hands at a short and wide delivery as the ball raced to the boundary on the off-side. In the next over, Azmatullah Omarzai, too, went short, but it did not bother the tall left-hander one bit. Rachin stood in his stance and pulled the seamer with ease. Omarzai went fuller and Rachin was waiting to tonk him down the ground. Two balls later, Rachin sent Yadav into the sightscreen before doing a repeat of the four through the off-side.

By this time, the chants were there. Breaking all the noise of the songs and whistles, one name could be heard — RACHINN RACHINN, almost rhyming with SACHINN SACHINN. While it is no way a comparison to Sachin Tendulkar, a venue and crowd that had cheered for the legend has found a new hero.

The New Zealander continued his madness against Omarzai, he even welcomed Rashid Khan with a backfoot punch to the ropes. But a momentary lapse meant he had to take the long walk back for 46 off just 20 balls. While Ajinkya Rahane came in to bat next, he struggled a bit against GT spinners, but kept the scoreboard moving with Gaikwad. And when Rahane got out, came the other left-hander who would run away with the another quick-breeze innings.

At this point, everyone knows what Shivam Dube's role is in the CSK team. Come in and smash spinners out of attack. Here he was up against R Sai Kishore and the first ball landed in the second tier. The second ball went to the cow corner with Dube down on his knee. No surprise, there it as — 'Dube, Dube' chants.

However, just like everyone knows Dube's strength, his weakness too is well established — short-pitched delivery. In came, Spencer Johnson. While Dube survived, Gaikwad fell (46). Shubman Gill went back to Rashid, and Dube did not spare him either. Another second tier six. When he came up against Johnson, Dube stood on backfoot, and took it.

He mistimed a few, let go a few, looked uncomfortable. But none of it mattered as he was still standing in the crease. Dube middled a few too, one through fine-leg for four and then over the square-leg fence.

Over the next three overs, Dube stuck to his methods to stand in his crease and survive balls not in his area and launch everything that is. There was a scoop shot of Johnson and then a slower ball from Mohit Sharma was lofted into the stands. A 22-ball fifty before he eventually got out to Rashid for 51 off 23.

# Chennai put up clinical show to post 63-run win

**ASHOK VENUGOPAL** @ Chennai

CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad hit 36-ball 46 against GT | ASHWIN PRASATH

CHENNAI Super Kings openers Ruturaj Gaikwad and Rachin Ravindra made 46 runs each to help team post a 63-run win over Gujarat Titans in the IPL here on Tuesday. Rachin began with a bang and played effortlessly, while Ruturaj, after a cautious start, played aggressively. The duo added 62 in 5.1 overs for the first wicket. It set the tone for the middle order to consolidate.

Shivam Dube (51) and Daryl Mitchell combined well to add 57 runs for the fourth wicket. Dube was at his aggressive best and some his shots looked as if he was playing golf, in particular the six off Mohit Sharma that sailed deep over long off.

Dube's end came when he mis-timed a lofted drive and fell to the guile of Rashid Khan.

Earlier, put in to bat, Chennai Super Kings straight away got into the act. The duo of Ruturaj Gaikwad and Rachin Ravindra played sensibly and complimented each other with excellent running between the wickets. Rachin was harsh on Umesh Yadav as the Kiwi picked the length early and carted the India pacer over the backward square leg fence for a huge six. Then, he sliced him once again to the point area for a boundary. In the very next over, he struck Azmatullah Omarzai for two consecutive boundaries.

Thereafter Rachin treated the Gujarat pacers with disdain and scored boundaries at will. With the ball coming on nicely, Rachin had all the time to play his shots. His lofted drive off Azmatullah where the ball sailed into the MCC stands was perhaps the shot of the night as it had grace written all over it.

However, when well set for a long innings, Rachin was stumped by Wriddhiman Saha off Rashid Khan for a well-made 46 runs off just 20 balls.

Gaikwad and Ajinkya Rahane played in tandem and got their partnership slowly rolling. With spinners Rashid and Sai Kishore operating, the strike rate dipped a bit.

Kishore, being a local boy, was well aware of the wicket and conditions and this helped him deceive Rahane with his flight to have the No 3 stumped by Saha. But his joy was short-lived as Dube carted Kishore for two consecutive sixes to send the crowd into delirium.

Post that, Mohit Sharma and Spencer Johnson stifled the CSK batters' strokeplay.

In their chase, GT lost wickets in regular intervals and eventually finished at 143/8 in 20 overs. B Sai Sudharsan offered some resistance to score 31-ball 37. Deepak Chahar, Mustafizur Rahman and Tushar Deshpande pickets two wickets apiece for CSK.

**Brief scores:** Chennai Super Kings 206/6 in 20 ovs (Dube 51, Rachin 46, Ruturaj 46; Rashid 2/49) bt Gujarat Titans 143/8 in 20 ovs (Sai Sudharsan 37, Saha 21, Miller 21; Tushar 2/21, Deepak 2/28, Mustafizur 2/30).

## *SEEKING FIRST WIN*

**Both Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderabad are searching for their first point. Who will get off the mark on Wednesday? A look...**

**JANSEN VS MI OPENERS**

Tall, left-arm and moving both ways. Marco Jansen has every ingredient to trouble Ishan Kishan and Rohit Sharma. Kishan has not scored a run yet while Rohit will be looking to continue the intent he showed.

**MAYANK, KLAASEN VS BUMRAH**

Mayank Agarwal played the enforcer in the last game, but Jasprit Bumrah will be a sizable obstacle. Mayank at the top and Heinrich Klaasen in the middle will have to find a way to counter Bumrah.

**WILL HEAD PLAY?**

Although SRH played what is probably their best overseas combination, they are prone to making changes on the go. Will they do on Wednesday to bring back Travis Head in place of Aiden Markram?

**TODAY'S MATCHES:** Sunrisers Hyderabad **vs** Mumbai Indians, Hyderabad — Live on Star Sports and Jio Cinema

SRH players during a practice session on Tuesday | VINAY MADAPU

## Big Sunrisers challenge for MI

HYDERABAD: Mumbai Indians will aim to land the killer punch after fluffing an easy run-chase in their opener when they meet Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL here on Wednesday. MI face SRH on their home turf and the Pat Cummins-led side showed against Kolkata Knight Riders what they are capable of. Heinrich Klaasen had almost got SRH over the line from a hopeless situation.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Haryana champions at boxing sub-jr natl meet

GREATER NOIDA: Haryana clinched the team titles in both the boys' and girls' categories with an impressive combined haul of 19 medals at the boxing Sub Junior National Championship here. Haryana, the reigning champions in the girls section, successfully defended their title after finishing on top of the table with 64 points. They won 10 medals including seven gold, one silver and two bronze.

### China's fight against corrupt sports officials

BEIJING: The former president of the Chinese Football Association has been sentenced to life in prison amid a wide-ranging crackdown on sports corruption. Chinese courts on Tuesday handed down sentences of between eight years and life in prison to officials in the Communist Party-controlled sports programs, accusing them of taking bribes and committing other financial crimes.

### Bopanna-Ebden advance to quarters

MIAMI GARDENS: Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden moved to the men's doubles quarterfinals of the Miami Open with a hard-fought win against Hugo Nys and Jan Zielinski. Bopanna and Ebden toiled for one hour 39 minutes before pulling off a 7-5, 7-6 (3) win over Monegasque Nys and Poland's Zielinski in the second round of the ATP Masters 1000 on Monday night.

# India tour of Oz: Perth to host opening Test

**AFP** @ Sydney

PERTH will host the first match of a blockbuster five-Test series against India from November 22, Cricket Australia (CA) said on Tuesday as it released its international schedule for the 2024-25 season. The series will then move to Adelaide for a day-night Test and then Brisbane's Gabba, which traditionally was the opening venue of Australia's Test summer.

The Melbourne Cricket Ground will stage the Boxing Day Test and the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series will wrap up at Sydney Cricket Ground starting on January 3.

CA chief executive Nick Hockley called it "one of the most highly anticipated summers of cricket in memory".

**SCHEDULE**

**November 22-26:** Ist Test, Perth
**December 6-10:** 2nd Test, Adelaide
**December 14-18:** 3rd Test, Brisbane
**December 26-30:** 4th Test, Melbourne
**January 3-7, 2025:** 5th Test, Sydney

"Fittingly, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy has been put on the same footing as the (men's) Ashes with a five-Test series for the first time since 1991-92," he said.

Australia have not beaten India in a home series since 2014-2015. "We're confident the schedule will maximise viewership and attendances and there will be a tremendous atmosphere in stadiums across the country," said Hockley.

# Women's multi-day trophy: Time to learn & shine

**KALYANI MANGALE** @ Chennai

"WHEN you don't play Tests, the needed technique disappears," Shantha Rangaswamy told this daily on the eve of India's Test match on home soil after 14 years. "They tend to play only bottom-hand shots across the line and things like that. I think BCCI should introduce multi-day cricket then the standards will go up because they will learn to play the right way that comes when you play multi-day matches," she added.

India's success in the two home Tests in December 2023 paved the way and now starting from March 28 in Pune, the senior inter-zonal multi-day trophy is back after the hiatus of four years. The former Hyderabad and India A cricketer Ananya Upendran, who represented South Zone in 2017-18 remembers the red ball fixtures fondly that first became part of the domestic season in 2015. "My memories (of the series) are of having fun," she told this daily. "After four seasons, it was about understanding the nuances of multi-day cricket and learning how you can manufacture wins in different situations. It's not just about the art of scoring runs in different conditions but also about taking wickets and setting up the batter and having conversations around patience and the game plan. My overwhelming memory from that is of understanding what it means to play multi-day cricket," she added.

Upendran believes the national side's success against England and Australia in the longest format did play a role in the revision, but one should also give credit to the skill superiority of the Indian players across the formats and this is another way to help them improve with their match awareness. "I do not doubt that the fact that India won two Tests in a week helped. It also underlines that when it comes to pure skills Indian cricketers are probably at par, if not ahead of their counterparts from Australia, England, and every other country. There is just a lack of game awareness, match temperament, and general fitness levels. And that's why in white ball cricket sometimes we get shown up, but in multi-day cricket, because there's so much more time and we're more skilled in some ways, we're able to do better." And the players would like to earn that experience over the next few days in Pune.

As Rangaswamy suggested, the players can hone their skills required in any format, through the multi-day game, Upendran, a pacer herself, knows the importance of playing the red ball game, where taking wickets affects the result more than anything. "One of the big things about women's cricket, especially with the bowlers is that your currency is dot balls in white ball and not necessarily taking wickets. The art of taking wickets is often missing because white ball cricket is always about who scores more runs. So as a bowler, you're always trying to defend down rather than actually play cricket. Whereas in multi-day cricket, dot balls don't mean as much. And while, of course, it helps build pressure and set someone up..." What makes this edition of the multi-day trophy more interesting is the number of Indian international players who have opted to play in the competition.

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

# No clarity on WFI's proposed national camp yet

**ENS** @ Chennai

A FEW days after the selection trials to pick the teams for the Asian Championships and Asian Olympic Games Qualifier were held (March 10 and 11), the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) had expressed its intention to commence national camps for top-four wrestlers. It was decided to start the camp on March 27.

A proposal in this regard was also sent to the Sports Authority of India (SAI). However, the federation are yet to receive a response from the SAI.

The Asian Championships is scheduled in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from April 11 to 16 while the Olympic Qualifier is from April 19 to 21 in the same city. So far, only one Indian wrestler, Antim Panghal (53kg), has earned the Paris Olympics quota with the remaining 17 up for grabs in the remaining two qualifiers. The second one — World OG Qualifier — is slated from May 9 to 12 in Istanbul, Turkiye.

"No communication yet from the SAI on national camp. The camp might get delayed now as even an approval tomorrow (Wednesday) means wrestlers could take at least a couple of days to join," a source in the know of things told this daily.

The WFI has proposed to hold the men's (freestyle and Greco-Roman) camp in Sonepat and has given three options for the women's camp — Gandhinagar, Bhopal and Patiala with the first venue being the priority. Notably, the ad-hoc committee, which was managing affairs of the WFI, too started the camp with venues being Sonepat and Patiala for men and women respectively.

"The top finishers from the trials wanted to prepare in foreign countries. More than half-a-dozen of them even sent their proposals in this regard to the authorities concerned. But camp is necessary for others who finished with silver and bronze medals," added the source.

### Bajrang's proposal gets nod

Meanwhile, a proposal of Bajrang Punia was accepted by the Mission Olympic Cell during its meeting. Bajrang sought financial assistance and an extension of service of his strength and conditioning expert Kazi Kiron Mustafa Hasan till the end of May 2024, when final selection trials for the Olympics will take place.

# Paris Oly to cost taxpayers 3-5 billion euros: Auditor

**AGENCIES** @ Paris

THE Paris Olympics this year are expected to cost the state between 3-5 billion euros, the French national auditor said as new figures revealed the country's widening debt levels. "We still don't know the cost of the Olympics," Pierre Moscovici, the head of the auditing body, told France *Inter radio*. "These games will cost between three, four or five billion euros."

Moscovici had estimated in January last year that the ultimate cost to taxpayers would be "around three billion euros", which represented an increase from government budget estimates at the time of 2.44 billion euros. The bill for every Olympics often expands in the latter stages of preparations as unbudgeted costs appear or extra funds are needed to accelerate unfinished building work. Under the threat of strikes, the French government is currently negotiating one-off bonuses for public sector staff who will work during the Games, with pay-offs to the police alone set to cost up to 500 million euros.

**FOOTBALL**

# *Milestone man Chhetri's goal in vain as lower-ranked Afghanistan shock India*

**AGENCIES** @ Guwahati

LOWER-RANKED Afghanistan shocked India 2-1 as the home team suffered one of its most embarrassing defeat in recent years despite talisman Sunil Chhetri's 94th international goal in his 150th match, in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers here on Tuesday.

In his landmark game, Chhetri did what was expected of him and found the back of the net from the spot in the 37th minute after Haroon Amiri handled the ball inside the box in India's home leg match in the second round of the joint qualifiers for the World Cup and 2027 AFC Asian Cup.

Attacking on the counter with three strikers upfront, Afghanistan equalized as Rahmat Akbari restored parity in the 71st minute after he shot from outside the box and the ball went through the legs of Rahul Bheke after a deflection to make it 1-1. Disaster struck the Indians when a charging Gurpreet Singh was shown a yellow card and Sharif Mukhammad converted the resultant penalty (88') to give his team a 2-1 lead with just two minutes left in regulation time.

Afghanistan goalkeeper Ovays Azizi guessed it right but the 39-year-old Chhetri packed enough power in his shot to beat the visiting custodian,

India captain Sunil Chhetri being felicitated before the match against Afghanistan at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati, on Tuesday | PTI

much to the delight of the crowd that thronged the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in anticipation of a fine performance form their much-loved footballer.

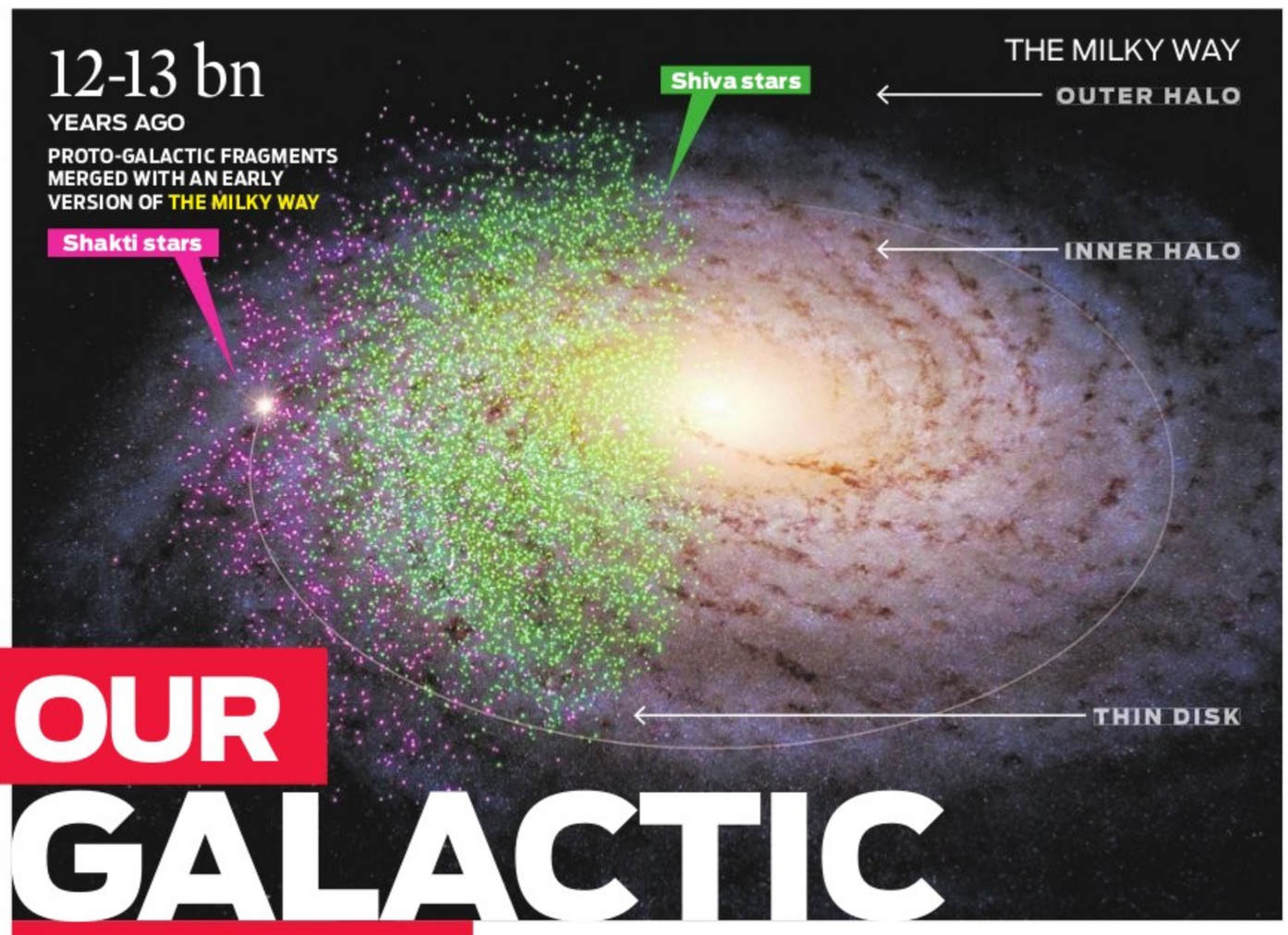
After a brief phase of relentless end-to-end attacks, Chhetri's strike separated the two teams at the half time and India held on to the lead until Rahmat Akbari equalised in the 71st minute before Mukhammad's later strike, which would eventually go on to dash Indian hopes as the visitors earned three points from the match. Long before that, Liston Colaco came close to doubling India's lead. But he failed to control the ball as the Afghans managed to retrieve it from him. Right at the start of the match, Manvir Singh missed an easy chance to put India ahead but his shot off a rebound, after a Chhetri shot rattled the woodwork, flew over the net.

*Truth in science is always determined from observational facts*

— David Douglass

SHAKTI (YELLOW), SHIVA (BLUE) STARS NEAR THE HEART OF THE MILKY WAY

A visualisation of the Milky Way galaxy, with the stars that Khyati Malhan and Hans-Walter Rix identified in the Gaia DR3 data set as belonging to Shiva and Shakti shown as colored dots. Shiva stars are shown in green and Shakti stars in pink. The complete absence of green and pink markers in some regions does not mean that there are no stars from Shiva or Shakti there, as the data set used for this study only covers specific regions within our galaxy | S. PAYNE-WARDENAAR / K. MALHAN / MPIA




RESEARCHERS IDENTIFY TWO OF THE MILKY WAY'S EARLIEST BUILDING BLOCKS

# OUR GALACTIC PAST

THE early history of our home galaxy, the Milky Way, is one of joining smaller galaxies, which makes for fairly large building blocks. Now, Khyati Malhan and Hans-Walter Rix of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy have succeeded in identifying what could be two of the earliest building blocks that can still be recognised as such today: proto-galactic fragments that merged with an early version of our Milky Way between 12 and 13 billion years ago, at the very beginning of the era of galaxy formation in the Universe. The components, which the astronomers have named Shakti and Shiva, were identified by combining data from ESA's astrometry satellite Gaia with data from the SDSS survey. For astronomers, the result is the equivalent of finding traces of an initial settlement that grew into a large present-day city.

### Tracing the origins of stars that came from other galaxies

When galaxies collide and merge, several processes happen in parallel. Each galaxy carries along its own reservoir of hydrogen gas. Upon collision, those hydrogen gas clouds are destabilised, and numerous new stars are formed inside. Of course, the incoming galaxies also already have their own stars, and in a merger, stars from the galaxies will mingle. In the long run, such "accreted stars" will also account for some of the stellar population of the newly-formed combined galaxy. Once the merger is completed, it might seem hopeless to identify which stars came from which predecessor galaxy. But in fact, at least some ways of tracing back stellar ancestry exist.

Help comes from basic physics. When galaxies collide and their stellar populations mingle, most of the stars retain very basic properties, which are directly linked to the speed and direction of the galaxy in which they originated. Stars from the same pre-merger galaxy share similar values for both their energy and what physicists call angular momentum – the momentum associated with orbital motion or rotation. For stars moving in a galaxy's gravitational field, both energy and angular momentum are conserved: they remain the same over time. Look for large groups of stars with similar, unusual values for energy and angular momentum – and chances are, you might find a merger remnant.

Additional pointers can assist identification. Stars that formed more recently contain more heavier elements, what astronomers call 'metals', than stars that formed a long time ago. The lower the metal content ('metallicity'), the earlier the star presumably formed. When trying to identify stars that already existed 13 billion years ago, one should look for stars with very low metal content ('metal-poor').

### Virtual excavations in a large data set

Identifying the stars that joined our Milky Way as parts of another galaxy has only become possible comparatively recently. It requires large, high-quality data sets, and the analysis involves sifting the data in clever ways so as to identify the searched-for class of objects. This kind of data set has only been available for a few years. The ESA astrometry satellite Gaia provides an ideal data set for this kind of big-data galactic archeology. Launched in 2013, it has produced an increasingly accurate data set over the past decade, which by now includes positions, changes in position and distances for almost 1.5 billion stars within our galaxy.

Gaia data revolutionised studies of the dynamics of stars in our home galaxy, and has already led to the discovery of previously unknown substructures. This includes the so-called Gaia Enceladus/Sausage stream, a remnant of the most recent larger merger our home galaxy has undergone, between 8 and 11 billion years ago. It also includes two structures identified in 2022: the Pontus stream identified by Malhan and colleagues and the 'poor old heart' of the Milky Way identified by Rix and colleagues. The latter is a population of stars that newly formed during the initial mergers that created the proto-Milky Way, and continue to reside in our galaxy's central region.

### Traces of Shakti and Shiva

For their present search, Malhan and Rix used Gaia data combined with detailed stellar spectra from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (DR17). The latter provide detailed information about the stars' chemical composition. Malhan says: "We observed that, for a certain range of metal-poor stars, stars were crowded around two specific combinations of energy and angular momentum."

In contrast with the "poor old heart", which was also visible in those plots, the two groups of like-minded stars had comparatively large angular momentum, consistent with groups of stars that had been part of separate galaxies which had merged with the Milky Way. Malhan has named these two structures Shakti and Shiva, the latter one of the principal deities of Hinduism and the former a female cosmic force often portrayed as Shiva's consort.

Their energy and angular momentum values, plus their overall low metallicity on par with that of the "poor old heart", makes Shakti and Shiva good candidates for some of the earliest ancestors of our Milky Way. Rix says: "Shakti and Shiva might be the first two additions to the 'poor old heart' of our Milky Way, initiating its growth towards a large galaxy."

Several surveys that are either already ongoing or bound to start over the next couple of years promise relevant additional data, both spectra (SDSS-V, 4MOST) and precise distances (LSST/Rubin Observatory), should enable astronomers to make a firm decision on whether or not Shakti and Shiva are indeed a glimpse of our home galaxy's earliest prehistory.

*(Source: Max Planck Institute for Astronomy)*

## MILKOMEDA
### THE MERGER OF GALAXIES

**2.5 mn**
LIGHT YEARS
The Andromeda galaxy is the closest galaxy to our own Milky Way, and is the most distant object one can see with the naked eye at 2.5 million light years away

**2,50,000**
MILES/HOUR
Scientists believe that Andromeda is approaching the Milky Way at nearly 250,000 miles per hour, which will result in a galactic spectacle that happens once in billions of years

### The great collision

The great collision will lead to absolute chaos, with the two galaxies approaching each other, eventually conceiving a mega galaxy 'Milkomeda'. Huge amounts of rocks, dust, asteroids, planets, and stars will be thrown in all directions, and the gravity from everything will entwine onto itself

- **Until 2012**, it was unclear if the collision was definite, however, the Hubble Space Telescope tracked the motions of stars in Andromeda, concluding that the merger was imminent - in a safe, far-away 4 billion years from now
- Simulations reveal that the remnant 'Milkomeda' will look like a giant elliptical galaxy

- Andromeda contains about one trillion stars and the Milky Way is home to about 300 billion. These stars are sufficiently far apart and it's highly improbable that any of them will individually collide
- The Milky Way and Andromeda each contain a supermassive black hole at their centres, which will eventually spiral into one another and converge near the centre of the newly-formed galaxy in a process that could take millions of years

**50%**
- Scientists also predict a 50% chance that in the merged galaxy, the Solar System would be swept out thrice farther from the galactic core than its current position

> **We observed that, for a certain range of metal-poor stars, stars were crowded around two specific combinations of energy and angular momentum**
>
> Khyati Malhan, author of study

MORE GREEN

## A NEW WAY TO REGULATE PLANT GROWTH, ENHANCE AGRICULTURE?

Researchers have found a way to manipulate plant physiology in specific ways to benefit agriculture and the environment. A research team from the Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules (ITbM), Nagoya University, Japan, have found a novel regulatory mechanism controlling the opening of stomata in plants — crucial for harnessing solar energy through photosynthesis. Stomata are microscopic pores on the surface of leaves, playing the role of gas exchange by regulating uptake of carbon dioxide. They found that this process was carried out by the Phosphorylation — the addition of a phosphoryl group to a molecule which is vital for the cellular storage and transfer of free energy using carrier molecules. This, they found, occurred at a location called 881st threonine residue (Thr881) of the plasma membrane proton pump in response to red and blue light in this process. This process facilitates stomatal opening to enhance photosynthetic activity. The findings shed light on the intricate signaling pathways underlying plant responses to light and hold promise for future applications in plant engineering. Understanding molecular mechanisms governing stomatal opening in response to environmental signals is fundamental to plant physiology and cultivation. This helps better understand engineered stomatal opening to increase growth and yields of important crop plants. Stomatal opening is directly proportional to blue light that triggers the process of phosphorylation. The team discovered that phosphorylation extended also to leaves and shoots, suggesting the potential of engineering plant growth in regulating it as required.

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*Science is a world in itself. Here are some interesting facts that connect with you*

Nirad Mudur

BEHIND THE SCIENCE

### CECILIA PAYNE

## CHEMICAL MAKEUP OF STARS

SONIA SALI

Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin was a British-born American astronomer and astrophysicist who proposed that stars were made primarily of hydrogen and helium in her 1925 doctoral thesis. For a long time, she remained an unsung hero of the world of astronomy. Born in 1900, she was one of three children and hailed from a well-educated family. Fascinated about science and its mysteries from a very young age, she had the opportunity to read botany, chemistry, and physics when she won a scholarship to Newnham College, Cambridge University. On one occasion, when she attended a lecture by Arthur Eddington on his 1919 expedition to observe the stars near a solar eclipse, her interest in astronomy peaked. However, when she completed her studies, she wasn't awarded a degree, owing to the mere fact that she was a woman.

The incident forced her into believing that her only prospect in the field was to teach. In 1923, she was introduced to Harlow Shapley, the director of the Harvard College Observatory, who persuaded her to write a doctoral dissertation, which later enabled her to earn the reputation of being the first person to receive a PhD in astronomy. Her thesis 'Stellar Atmospheres', which was later published as a book, analysed the properties and spectra of light emitted by various types of stars. Through her thesis, she discovered the elements which made up the Sun and the similarity between the Earth and its star. She also concluded that hydrogen and helium are the most abundant elements in stars.

However, her findings that stars are composed of hydrogen and helium was not immediately accepted by the scientific community, because it contradicted the scientific wisdom of the time. The renowned American astronomer Henry Norris Russel was one of the scientists who had assumed that stars would have the same composition as Earth. But in 1929, Russel came around to confirm Payne's conclusion. He realised her pre-discovery and credited her while publishing his findings in 1929. After completing her doctorate, Payne remained at Harvard College Observatory as a technical assistant, though she was one of the finest astronomers of her time.

HOW IT WORKS

## BLACK BOX: SHOWING THE WAY, WAITING TO BE HEARD

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE

It has been 10 years since Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 went missing. Barring some debris that washed ashore on some islands dotting the southern Indian Ocean, suspected to belong to the ill-fated Boeing 777-200ER, there is little trace of the airliner. And that one tool which could have helped the international search party locate it, might have gone dead by now.

The black box, one of the most essential components going into an aircraft, is equipped with an underwater locator beacon (ULB) which sends out a ping every second for 30 days, if an aircraft crashes into water. The ULB has a battery life of over six years, and can be traced by sonar and audio equipment up to depths of 20,000 feet. But a decade is a long time even for a black box.

### Critical records

A black box is a flight data recorder (FDR) that is installed in most aircraft, usually in the tail section. While called a black box, these sturdy, all-weather contraptions have a bright orange hue. All flight information is recorded into the black box with a specific algorithm, allowing investigators to access and study it when needed. A black box, with its FDR, records operating data from the plane's systems. Sensors wired from various areas on the plane to the flight-data acquisition unit, and further to the FDR, record details as minute as the pilot flipping a switch or twiddling a knob. There are thousands of parameters that can be recorded, including cabin pressure, altitude, airspeed, vertical acceleration, magnetic heading, rudder-pedal position, control-wheel position, horizontal stabiliser, and fuel flow.

In most cases, there are two black boxes on board a commercial aircraft. Apart from the FDR, a cockpit voice recorder (CVR) is critical to track crew behaviour and the cockpit environment. On each flight, the cockpit encounters a series of sounds, warnings, and automated voice signals. A set of microphones built into the cockpit listens to all these sounds, besides conversations of the flight crew. These microphones also track ambient noise, such as switches being thrown, knocks and thuds. These are all recorded on the CVR, which digitises and stores them. The last two hours of conversations in the cockpit, together with the data from the last 25 hours of the aircraft, are recorded by this device.

### Crash prevention

The primary purpose of a black box and its recordings is to facilitate the investigation of aviation accidents and incidents.

The distinct orange colour, along with the strips of reflective tape attached to the recorders' exteriors, help investigators locate the black boxes following an accident, especially in deep water. The beacons and beeps at 37.5 kHz also attract rescue teams towards the crash site.

Air crashes are violent, with the crash-survivable memory units (CSMUs) of the flight recorders often being the sole intact/surviving component from the wreckage. This is because black boxes are designed to be as strong as granite, able to withstand impact at 750 kmph, withstand immense pressure, and a temperature of 1,100 degrees Celsius, with a structural integrity that holds up for a few years.

Black boxes trace their origins to World War II. Today's solid-state recorders use stacked arrays of memory chips. With no moving parts, there are fewer maintenance issues and a decreased chance of something breaking during a crash.

Once a crash site is located, and the black boxes retrieved, the data must be collected. In the US, the recorders are carefully transported to the computer labs at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), where they are treated as per regulated processes, with different teams working on taking care of the black boxes; sourcing data from the recorders; and gathering, cataloguing, and deciphering/analysing the same, before compiling an official report. The black box manufacturers provide software for data-related work to the investigators.

The aviation sector is flying through turbulent skies, and black boxes allow it the opportunity to course-correct and prevent future accidents. It's the runway for a safe landing!

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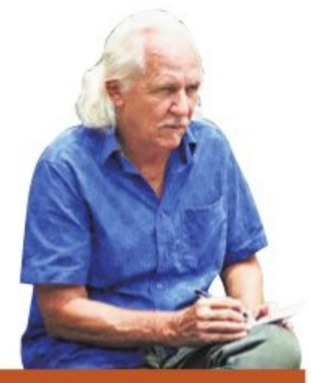

**DAY'S DIARY**

## *Air Disaster*

On this day in 1977, the worst accident in the history of civil aviation occurred as two Boeing 747 jets collided at Canary Islands, killing 570

**ACCIDENT**

Just as KLM flight 4805 prepared to take off from the airstrip at Los Rodeos, the plane barreled into Pan Am flight 1736. Both aircraft exploded into flames

**AFTERMATH**

There were 583 victims, with passengers and crew on the KLM aircraft killed. There were 61 survivors on the Pan Am aircraft; both aircraft were destroyed

**INVESTIGATION**

An investigation commission determined that the leading cause of the accident was the KLM aircraft taking off without clearance

*A curated guide to happenings in the city*

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In Bengaluru recently with her latest standup solo *Man'oushe*, Lebanese-American comedian Janine Harouni's atypical humour pokes fun at the raw and messy realities of life

# JEST FOR LAUGHS

DESE GOWDA

IT was **Janine Harouni**'s first visit to India, and her top priority was simply getting some rest. "I really needed this vacation!" she shares, relishing a break from her six-month-old baby and the exhaustion of a new parent. "It's been amazing. I haven't had a chance to explore, so I'll definitely have to come back and really get to know the city and India," she says. The Lebanese–American actor-comedian, now based in the UK, brought her second standup solo *Man'oushe* to Bengaluru earlier this month.

Nominated for the main Edinburgh Comedy Awards last year, the show is an intensely funny yet deeply personal account of Harouni's own experience with pregnancy, motherhood, and grief. "I started writing it during my first pregnancy. All this beautiful Instagram stuff about what it meant to be pregnant I'd seen, I didn't really feel that way. I felt sick all the time and very lonely. And when we lost that pregnancy, I felt even more alone. So I found it funny to kind of talk about that stuff. I think I just selfishly wanted to feel a bit less alone in my grief. Then I also probably just wanted to let other people know that there can be some catharsis from some tragedy," she shares.

The 36-year-old also delves into her grief over the loss of her friend and the director of the show with incredible candour. "It felt wrong and inauthentic to continue performing comedy every day when I felt so sad. All I wanted to do was talk about him constantly. So, he became a part of the show because it was very... I don't want to say cathartic because I don't think comedy has to be cathartic. I think it has to be truthful and personal. For me, being able to make myself and others laugh about the darker aspects of life feels like a worthwhile endeavour. So, maybe I will do a show in the future that's just jokes," she adds.

Ahead of her visit to India, Harouni was pleasantly surprised to find out that Indians rank second in the number of followers she has on Instagram. While still unsure, yet intrigued by her popularity, she says, "A woman I met after the show told me that she would send my reels to her husband, saying, 'This is how I feel; this is what I'm going through.' Maybe that's what has made it resonate so deeply with people here'."

A trained actor, Harouni decided to pursue her comedy ambitions quite late in life. "I was terrified of it. It's an intimidating field, where you immediately know whether or not your audience appreciates your material. The formula is straightforward: set up a punch line, and if there's no laughter, you've failed. Ever since I was 18, I knew I wanted to be a comedian, but it wasn't until I was 30 that I felt so defeated by life that I no longer cared about the potential difficulties or the fear. I realised that I didn't want to waste any more time. I knew what I wanted to do, and even if it was challenging or frightening, that was okay. I would regret not trying more than failing. Not trying at all seemed much worse," she says. Yet, her success on stage has ironically helped her acting career take off, with her most high-profile acting credit being 2022's Robert Pattinson-starrer *The Batman*.

PIC: ED MOORE

## KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. Bengaluru is home to many interesting museums, be it a science museum, folk art museum, aerospace museum, wood museum, photography museum or music museum, the city has it all. The Government Museum Bangalore, a storehouse of rich historical and cultural artefacts, was established in the year 1865. It was initially housed at the cantonment jail building (present-day Good Shepherd Convent premises) before being shifted to the current location in 1878. On which prominent road (earlier known as Sydney Road) is the museum located?

2. Bengaluru boasts of having India's first-ever Brain Museum, perhaps the only one of its kind in the country. This unique museum, a treasure trove of exhibits of the human brain, is a brainchild of Dr SK Shankar which has been operational since 1995 and was opened to the public in 2010. Which renowned mental health and neuroscience institute's sprawling campus houses the Brain Museum?

3. The latest addition to museums and galleries in the city is The Science Gallery, Bengaluru. The gallery opened to the public on January 19, 2024, but features no permanent exhibits, but rather is home to regular exhibitions showcasing an interface of science and art. The gallery is housed on a 1.26-acre land which initially belonged to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI). Which well-known locality in the city is the gallery located?

# FLYING HIGH

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK

THE lead vocalist and guitarist of the music band Best Kept Secret, **Behram Siganporia** is gearing up for the band's global tour. *CE* gets in touch with the Bengaluru-based pilot-turned-musician.
Excerpts follow:

**While training to be a pilot, how did you shift to pursuing a music career?**
It was my childhood dream to be a pilot. My family too encouraged me to pursue this dream. But while flying was always my passion, my hobby was to sing and play the guitar. Even when I was in flight school, whenever the weather was not fit for flying, I would sit with my guitar and sing for all the pilots in the hangar. But things didn't work out as planned about aviation. My music career took off faster than my aviation career.

**How would you describe your journey in music?**
I ended up meeting my band members by chance. A friend was getting married and wanted to put a band together. He brought the band members together. That's how it began and then one thing led to another. One show became two and then 100 and 200. Then the band got signed by Universal Music Records. We released a few songs and there's been no looking back after that. Big dreams now with our music and the journey has been fun.

**You have a great fan following. Did you ever think of going solo?**
I have always believed that I am what I am because of my band. They are the guys who made me believe that we could make a living and a big career out of music. My goal was just to do it for a couple of years, just for the fun and then get back to flying. More than just being band members, they are my best friends and brothers. We all work together, play together and travel together.

**You grew up in Mumbai, but your career took off in Bengaluru. Have you ever thought of moving to Mumbai?**
I think we live in a very small world now with the internet, social media. I don't think it matters where you are. Of course, being in a place like Mumbai would present several opportunities to us. But being in Bengaluru has its benefits. You get time for yourself, time to do your personal things. Having said that, some very interesting opportunities have been presented to us. For that, we are required to be in Mumbai. We've always believed in riding the wave and going with the flow.

**Is there something really big coming up?**
There are two very big projects that we are working on. I believe they could be life-changing ones. There are a lot of exciting opportunities on OTT and in Bollywood and movies now. We're currently working on our album. It should be out hopefully in September-October.

**Who's your biggest supporter?**
My mother. I've been raised by a single mom. I lost my dad when I was a little boy. She knows my schedule, keeps me grounded and makes sure that I get my rest. She ensures that I'm always on top of my game as well. Not too many parents would be okay with career changes. But when my mom saw the articles about me in the papers and started hearing songs on the radio, there was no one happier than her.

## CITY READ

### Christel House India celebrates graduation day

Christel House India, a not-for-profit institution dedicated to empowering underserved communities, celebrated the graduation of its class 12 students. Seventy-two graduating students, shared their memories and expressed gratitude for the education they received at the institution, which was attended by faculty, staff, and the students' families. Each graduate was presented with a memento acknowledging their achievements and community service.

### Performing arts festival on March 30 & 31

The National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), Mumbai is bringing the NCPA@thePark series – originally launched three years ago to rejuvenate live performances after the pandemic-induced lockdown – to Bengaluru's Freedom Park on Mar 30 and 31. The event will feature dance performances, international music, western classical music, spoken word, by renowned artists from across India and beyond, including the Symphony Orchestra of India, UnErase Poetry and Srjan dance troupe.

## XPRESS FOCUS

# Surgery & Beyond for COLORECTAL CANCER PATIENTS

DR MANSI KHANDERIA

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is indeed a significant health concern worldwide, with its incidence increasing in various regions, including India. Understanding its etiology, risk factors, symptoms, screening methods, and treatment modalities is crucial for effective management and prevention strategies.

CRC typically develops from benign polyps in the colon or rectum, progressing slowly over several years before manifesting as malignant adenocarcinoma, which constitutes the majority of cases. Various factors contribute to CRC risk, including age, diet, lifestyle habits, genetics, and certain medical conditions. Symptoms such as abdominal discomfort, rectal bleeding, changes in bowel habits, and unexplained weight loss often prompt individuals to seek medical evaluation.

Screening for CRC, especially in high-risk populations, is essential for early detection and improved prognosis. Colonoscopy is the gold standard screening method, enabling the identification and removal of precancerous polyps. Other screening options include fecal occult blood tests, sigmoidoscopy, and stool DNA tests.

Diagnosis of CRC involves colonoscopy for visualisation and biopsy for histopathological confirmation. Imaging studies like CT scans are utilised for staging the disease, guiding treatment decisions. Treatment approaches vary based on disease stage, with surgical resection being the primary intervention for early-stage disease. Advanced stages may require multimodal therapy, including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy.

Recent advancements in understanding tumour biology and molecular classification have led to personalised treatment approaches, improving outcomes for CRC patients. Despite these advances, continued research efforts are needed to enhance early detection methods, develop targeted therapies, and improve overall survival rates in CRC.

Additionally, public awareness campaigns emphasising lifestyle modifications and regular screening can aid in CRC prevention and early intervention.

Treatment options in CRC consist of surgery and chemotherapy. Traditionally advanced stage at presentation was a death knell but now with recent advances in surgical techniques and with the introduction of modern targeted therapies, even advanced stage CRC can be curable if treated with experts in the field.

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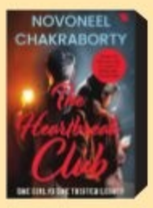
## BOOK NOOK




### The Heartbreak Club: One Girl vs One Twisted Legacy

**By Novoneel Chakraborty**

In this dark romantic thriller, the author creates a world of passion, lies, and revenge, where no legacy, however strong, can stand up to a sister's steely determination.

### Rising 2.0: 20 More Women Who Changed India

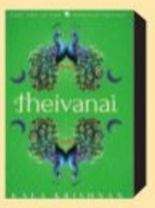
**By Kiran Manral**

This collection of 20 stories brings you an account of the resilience and brilliance of iconic Indian women, who rose to be trailblazers and trendsetters against all odds.

### Lilliput Land

**By Rama Bijapurkar**

The book is dedicated to India's small consumers, small suppliers, and small transaction digital warriors who have together built and will continue to build the world's most watched and least understood mega consumer markets.




### Theivanai: Part Two of the Murugan Trilogy

**By Kala Krishnan**

The great battle of Chendur has drawn to a close, and Murugan has fulfilled his role as Mahasena. But it has left his beloved war bard Aambal enervated, her memories obliterated, her tongue stilled, unable to compose sentences, let alone verses. Will Aambal find her way to words again?

**ELEGANCE IN EXPRESSION**

Art enthusiasts observe the artwork at I Rise- Edition X, an all-women-led art exhibition at Art Houz, Vasanth Nagar | VINOD KUMAR T

## QUICKFIX

# CHEESY SPINACH QUESADILLAS

Contributed by **Romil Bajaj,** Solan

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Flour tortillas:** 4
- **Spinach (chopped):** 1 cup
- **Mushrooms (chopped):** 1 cup
- **Olive oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Shredded cheese (cheddar or Mexican blend):** 1 cup
- **Salsa and sour cream for serving**

**METHOD**

- Heat olive oil in a pan over medium heat.
- Add chopped spinach and mushrooms. Sauté and season it well with salt and pepper.
- Place a tortilla in the pan, sprinkle some cheese, and add the vegetable mix.
- Top with another tortilla and cook until the cheese melts.
- Repeat for the remaining tortillas.
- Slice into wedges, and serve with salsa and sour cream.

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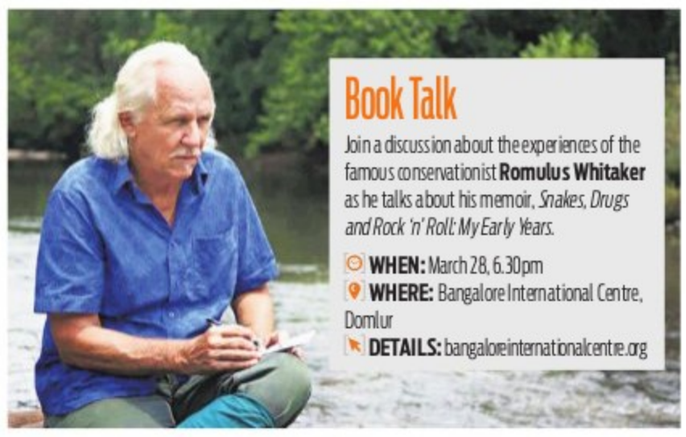


### Book Talk

Join a discussion about the experiences of the famous conservationist **Romulus Whitaker** as he talks about his memoir, *Snakes, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll: My Early Years.*

**WHEN:** March 28, 6.30pm
**WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
**DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

### Laughter Fest

Go along with your friends and let the best budding comedians of Bengaluru take you through a night full of fun and laughter.

**WHEN:** March 27, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Copper + Cloves, Indiranagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Icing On The Art

Witness artists Monty Chaudhary & Shrenik Doshi creating beautiful art sculptures from ice at -5 to -8 degrees.

**WHEN:** March 27, 3pm
**WHERE:** Snow City, JC Nagar
**DETAILS:** 9844006736

### Weekday Fun Night

Take a mid-week break and sing your heart out at a rooftop karaoke party with **Joshua Selvaraj**, or hit the dance floors with DJs Silvr & Yash.

**WHEN:** March 27, 8pm
**WHERE:** TYD, Hennur Gardens
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Art Attack

A guided workshop for children where they can experiment with different forms of art, including painting, drawing, collage making and more.

**WHEN:** March 28, 11am
**WHERE:** Paint Cafe Studio, Whitefield
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Paint The Memories

Learn and master the art of canvas painting as you paint some beautiful landscapes on a wooden coaster using acrylic paints. Perfect for beginners!

**WHEN:** March 27, 5pm
**WHERE:** Art Beat, HSR Layout
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Theatre Time

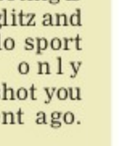
Enjoy a special theatre act with a story full of murderers and thrill titled *Arsenic and Old Lace*, adapted from a dark comedy written by veteran playwright Joseph Kesselring.

**WHEN:** March 27, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Open Stage

Get on the stage, take the mic, and grab this opportunity to try all kinds of performances in front of an audience that's new and welcoming.

**WHEN:** March 27, 8pm
**WHERE:** ZouK Lounge Bar, JP Nagar
**DETAILS:** highape.com



**ASHUTHOSH P KAMATH**

At 21, Ashuthosh is one among the youngest arms licence holders in Kerala. A 2021 shooting champion in 10m pistol (Men), he has represented the state in national-level shooting championships

### How to get into shooting?

Shooting, an Olympic-level sport, has few takers. Likely on account of its negative tags and the safety risks involved. But if done correctly, there's no sport as rewarding. Here's all you need to know about getting started.

**Cost vs Interest:** Shooting is an expensive sport. One should not take it up just to quench curiosity. Only a keen interest would keep you unfazed by the cost that this sport incurs. If a rifle costs upwards of ₹1 lakh, each ammo costs ₹30. You'd need about 50–100 ammo per week just to practice.

**Not a spectator sport:** Unlike other sports, shooting is one without much glitz and glamour. It is a solo sport where your only competition is the shot you took just a moment ago.

**Join your local club:** Because of the safety risks involved, it is always advisable that you start training under an experienced coach. Most cities have a rifle club. Go join a camp that they host to learn the basics.

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**Technical nitty-gritty:** For 10m air events (air rifle, pistol), a licence is not mandatory. However, the potential shooter must be over 12 years old. Navigating the technical nitty-gritty, especially when entering competitions, can get tedious. So it helps to be part of a club.

**Take part in local competitions:** The progress you make is apparent very readily in shooting. While it is great to see how you fare against others, know that more than the score, it is the technique that matters most.

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# TRIKONASANA PREP ARMS UP VARIATION

(TRIANGLE POSE PREP ARMS UP VARIATION)

This is one of the variations of the base pose of Trikonasana (Triangle Pose). Practising this pose will help in aligning the body, grounding the feet, lengthening the arms, engaging the spine, and aligning the hands with the shoulders and hips. It opens the chest, rib cage, shoulders, upper back, and upper abdomen, preparing the body for better breathing.

**STEPS**

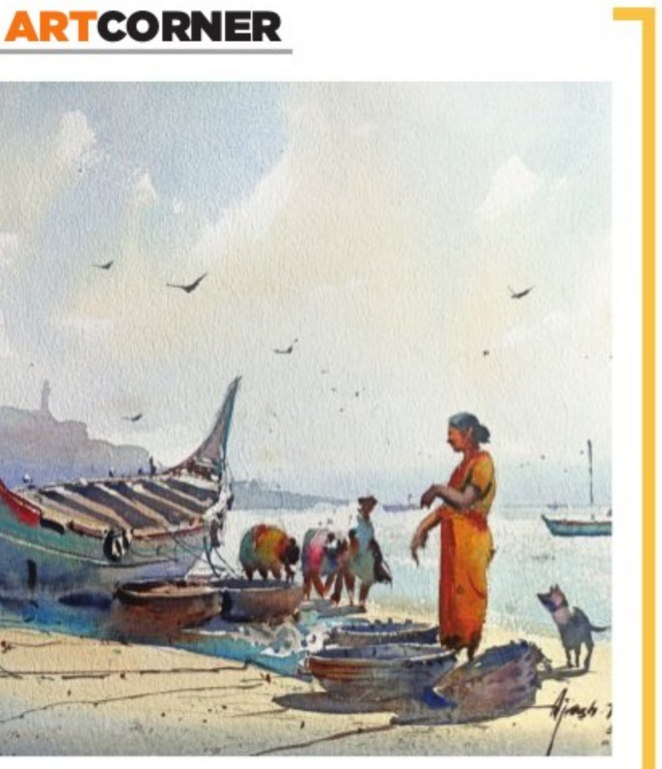
- Start in Tadasana, inhale, and spread your legs apart, keeping a distance of 3 feet. Exhale.
- Inhale and raise the arms to your shoulder level, with the palms facing down.
- Keep your spine straight.
- Look down and place the left foot at a 90-degree angle, Bring the right foot inward and place it at a 45-degree angle.
- Inhale, raise your arms, and place them over your head.
- Extend your torso, with your feet kept firm on the ground. Exhale.
- Stay in this position and focus on your breathing.
- Take deep breaths, and remain here for about 3–4 breaths.
- Build stability and endurance using the core muscles as you practise.
- Slowly, exhale and release the pose and stand straight as in Utthita Tadasana.
- Exhale, bring the arms down and come to Tadasana.
- Release the pose and relax. Try increasing the duration in the next round.

**BENEFITS**

- Stretches the sides of the body, shoulders, arms, and core (abs).
- Strengthens and tones the biceps, triceps, belly, back, pelvis, thighs, knees, and ankles.
- Increases the flexibility of the body.
- Aids in developing immunity.
- Activates Mooladhara (root), Svadhisthana (sacral,) and Ajna (third eye) Chakras.
- Improves mental health and self-awareness and provides stability to the body.
- Aids in creating emotional balance.
- Strengthens the respiratory system.
- Aids in the functioning of the spinal cord.
- Stabilises the central nervous system.
- This asana energises the body along with deep breathing.
- Boosts self-confidence.

**LIMITATIONS**

- People with injured backs or shoulders, severe headaches or migraines, or who have undergone surgery in the abdominal area, and women in their third trimester of pregnancy, avoid this.
- If seniors feel uncomfortable while practising, then they should take the advice of a yoga teacher.



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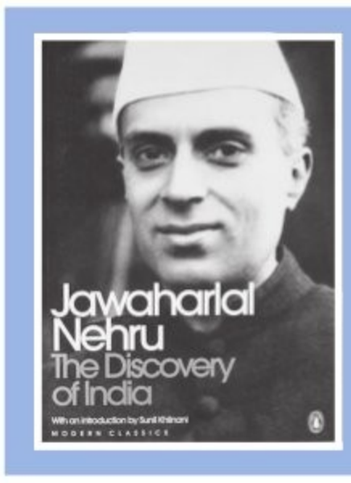
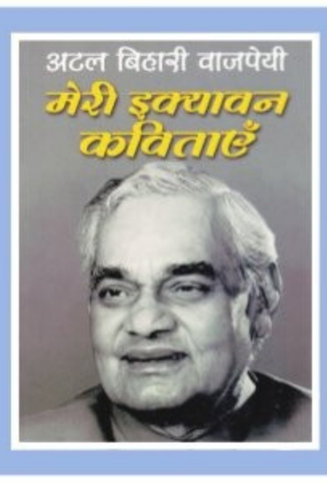
## ARTCORNER

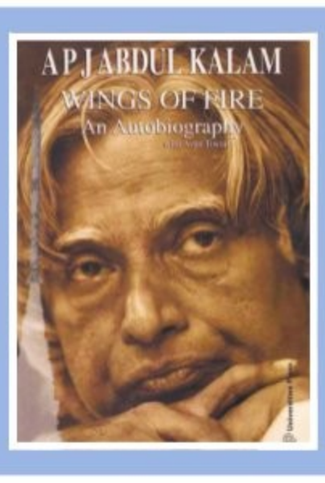


### PROTAGONISTS OF THE SEA

A watercolour painting by artist Ajeesh Kochi portrays the fisherwomen busy at work on a beach. A self-taught artist who grew up in Kochi, his works often revolve around the city and its people




# WORDS OF WISDOM

MAHATMA Gandhi was not given the Bharat Ratna because it was set up in 1954 and could not be awarded posthumously (Gandhi was assassinated in 1948). The rules have changed since. In response to a petition filed to give Gandhi the country's highest civilian award, the Supreme Court said that as the Father of the Nation, he is held in such 'high esteem' that he is 'beyond formal recognition'.

The Bharat Ratna is conferred in recognition of 'exceptional service/performance of the highest order', without distinction of race, occupation, position, or gender. The award was originally limited to achievements in the arts, literature, science, and public services, but in 2011 the government expanded the criteria to include 'any field of human endeavour'. The convention is for the prime minister to make recommendations for the Bharat Ratna to the president, with a maximum of three nominees per year. The recipients receive a Sanad (certificate) signed by the president and a pipal leaf-shaped medallion. There is no monetary grant associated with the award.

I want to shift my attention away from the politics of the award and focus on the literary contribution of our 53 Bharat Ratnas. Had Jawaharlal Nehru never been the prime minister, he would have been famous as the author of *An Autobiography* and *The Discovery of India*.

Dr Rajendra Prasad took a suo moto decision to confer the Bharat Ratna on him and announced that he had done so 'without any recommendation or advice from my prime minister'.

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*(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)*

Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar has written 32 books besides numerous research documents, reviews of articles and books, prefaces, forewords, statements and memoranda. Apart from this, he is also the author of the *Constitution of India*. His *Annihilation of Caste*, originally written as a speech for the annual conference in 1936 of the Jat-Pat-Todak Mandal, an anti-caste Hindu reformist group, is a powerful critique of the caste system. In it, Ambedkar argues for the complete obliteration of the caste system and advocates for social justice and equality. *Annihilation of Caste* continues to be widely studied for its profound analysis of caste-based discrimination and its call for radical societal transformation. Ambedkar's personal library Rajgruha in Mumbai has more than 50,000 books and it was once the world's largest private library.

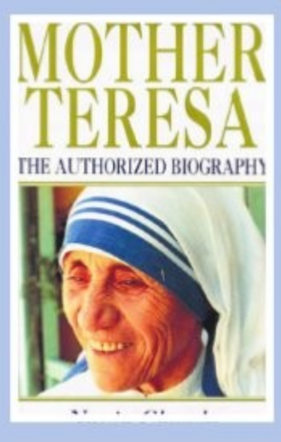
Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan is considered one of the most influential and distinguished 20th century scholars of comparative religion and philosophy. His most popular book is *The Hindu View of Life*. This book presents an insightful exploration of Hindu philosophy and spirituality, offering readers a deeper understanding of Hindu thought and its relevance in the modern world. It is widely regarded as one of his seminal works and has been influential in shaping Indian and global perspectives on Hinduism. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1936 and 1937.

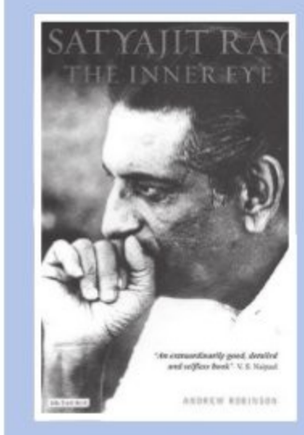
Atal Bihari Vajpayee was an outstanding orator and a poet. One of his most notable works is a collection of poems titled *Meri Ekyavan Kavitayen* (My 51 poems). This collection showcases his poetic prowess and reflects his thoughts, emotions, and observations on the various aspects of life and society.

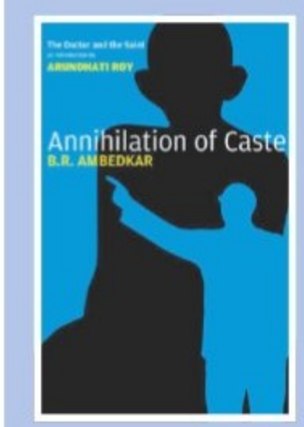
Books signed by Bharat Ratnas are extremely rare and I rejoiced when some came my way. One such book was *Sayings – Wise or Witty* by Sir M Visvesvaraya, whose birthday is celebrated as 'Engineer's Day' in India. I have multiple copies of the biography of Mother Teresa – one signed by the author Navin Chawla, and another signed by Mother herself. I found a signed copy of Pandit Ravi Shankar's biography *Raga Mala* during a road trip to Solvang. A signed copy of *Satyajit Ray* by Andrew Robinson came from a dealer. And two Bharat Ratnas whom I have met and personally received a book from are Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Sachin Tendulkar. Dr Kalam's *Wings of Fire* not only narrates his personal story but also shares his vision for India's future. It remains a bestseller and continues to inspire people across generations.

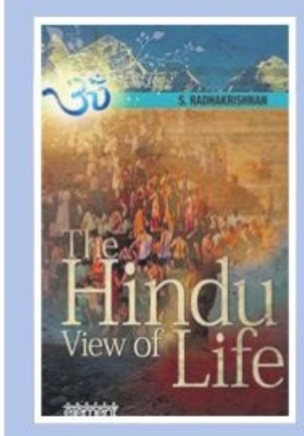
Every Bharat Ratna has left an unparalleled legacy to inspire generations. Their books have given us access to the finest minds the country has produced!

***(The writer's views are personal)***




# An open ode to airline food

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon
*(Writer, comedian)*

THE recent reports of Electoral Bonds revealed the unhealthy but unsurprising mucky nexus between large corporations and political parties. But what was most interesting was that the information was revealed after pressure from the Supreme Court, based on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) by a lawyer. While we have clearly moved to a post-fact, post-truth world, it did spike an interest in me – to file my own PIL. I want to file a litigation against airline companies. My petition will not come from a place of truth-finding, but soul-searching. I am not trying to unearth a truth. I'm merely trying to find the reason behind this madness.

If you think about it, we are a generation that is always eating. We eat during movies, while watching sports; at weddings, birthdays and funerals. We eat when we leave the house, then eat in the airport. This habit again stems from our collective middle-class eating habits before a train journey. Tiffin carriers would be packed, snacks purchased, and water bottles would be filled at the station. Only after we had enough ration for a battle, did we proceed towards our destination. Today, we eat even though our journeys are an hour-long. We quickly gulp down expensive idlis before boarding. Once we are seated on the plane, food is served out again. And we lap it up. It's the only time we are bending rules of nature. Our eating is not driven by hunger or taste – but from primal greed.

And airline companies know this about us. Which is why they guiltlessly serve us the food. There are two kinds of airlines – those that give everybody free food – and those that charge even for water. So if you're getting a heart attack, you better have 50 rupees change ready! You raise your hand and accept the plane sandwiches – the kind of sandwiches that have evolved beyond the binaries of hot/cold, good/bad. These sandwiches were eaten by Wright Brothers, and the recipe has remained unchanged. Upma is supposed to remind you of your mother. But airline upma reminds you of the cruel stepmother you never had. It's neither warm, nor cold – a gooey alien mix that is served with lukewarm water. For the extreme sinners, there is biryani. A dish that raises the primary question – 'Should that even be eaten on a flight?'. Imagine if the gentleman stands up and walks towards the end of the aisle mid-flight? It would be a public nuisance! For a drink, they serve the 'Unreal', synthetic juice — served at temperatures ranging from 'room temperature' to 'doesn't really matter'. Finally, you resort to tradition and ask for the cup noodles. The steward hands it over daintily – like a ticking bomb. There's boiling hot water in the red-yellow pack, and you end up leaving it for more than the NASA-stipulated four minutes. You open it to find a version of Maggi that would infuriate the Japanese. At the end of it all, you realise that humans weren't meant to eat on a flight. That it is only our gluttony that drives us to such extreme measures.

Which is why my petition is aimed not to expose corruption, but to ask humane questions. I want to know if airline employees are able to sleep peacefully – after handing out ₹350 sandwiches? Do they toss and turn in their beds thinking about the stand-up comedian who thanked them for a ₹300 cup noodles pack? I want to know, Your Lordship, is there humanity left in the world??

***(The writer's views are personal)***

## NUGGETS

### Book launch on March 30

Author **Sharmistha Mohanty** will be releasing her most recent work, titled *Book One* on March 30 at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. The session will begin at 6.30pm and will primarily include a conversation between writer Sohini Basak and the author. Mohanty is the author of three works of prose, *Book One*, *New Life* and *Five Movements in Praise*, and a book of poems, *The Gods Came Afterwards*. She has also translated a selection of Tagore's fiction, *Broken Nest and Other Stories*.

### Book discussion to be held

Author Swati Narayan will be in the city to talk about her book *Unequal: Why Does India Lag Behind Its Neighbours?* on March 29 at 6.30 pm at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. The book is based on a five-year research study across across four countries: India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The discussion will explore how poorer neighbours are doing better than India on a range of social indicators, including health, nutrition, and more. The author will be in discussion with columnist Aakar Patel.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ANU** D/o. S.N Raj, residing at No. 1113G, 8th Cross, Vidyapeetha Circle, Ashoknagar, BSK 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-560050, have changed my name to **ANU R SHARMA**, vide affidavit dated 27.03.2023, sworn before notary G Dayananda, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, SERVICE NO.15332660W L/HAV NEMILAIAH PULICHINTHALA, Residing at Achhampeta (Vill), Akaveedu (Post), Racharla (MD), Giddalur (TK), Prakasham (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523372, Have Changed My Name Self **(OLD NAME) NEMILAIAH PULICHINTHALA** to **(NEW NAME) PULICHINTHALA NEMILAIAH,** Vide Affidavit Dated 25.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary C.V. EARAPPA BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MAHAMED IDRESS MOHMED SAB** S/o **MOHAMMED SAB** R/at No. 18 Bab Ul Fatah Gover Road Cox Town Bengaluru-560005 have changed my name to **MOHAMED IDREES** vide affidavit dated: 25/3/2024 Before Notary **K V Mani** Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **NEERAJ TEWARI,** residing at site No. 48, Pioneer Lifestyle, Gattahalli Village, Anekal Taluk, Inside Pioneer Lake District, Sarjapura Hobli, Gattahalli, Bengaluru-560099, do hereby declare that my son name as per Aadhar card No. 7936 7007 0313, **AARADHY TEWARI** whereas in my son name is mentioned in Birth certificate **AARADHYA TEWARI** and Pass port **AARADHYA TEWARI** instead of **AARADHY TEWARI** and **AARADHYA TEWARI** this both names are same, and all the above mentioned names belongs to the same person only that in my son, vide affidavit dated 18.03.2024, sworn to before Yankoba, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Shri Manjunatha**, S/o. Hanumanthaiah, residing at No. 10, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Doctor Layout, Naganathapura, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560100, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **SHREYA .M** to **KHUSHII .M,** vide affidavit dated 25.03.2024, sworn to before Dr. R.S. Vijay, Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **K. KRISHNA**, S/o K. Lingana Naidu, age 82 years, R/at No. 23, Middle School Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560 004 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KOIA KRISHNA NAIDU** to **K. KRISHNA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as K. KRISHNA for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26th March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. NARENDRAN** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SYED AFSAR S/O SYED NOOR**, R/o No. 217, 4th Cross, Brindavan Layout, Vijinapura, Khadi Bhandar, Vijinapura, Dooravani Nagar, Bengaluru-560 016 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAYAD AFSAR SAYAD NOOR S/o SAYAD NOOR** to **SYED AFSAR S/O SYED NOOR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SYED AFSAR S/O SYED NOOR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26th March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SRINATHA .D.R** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, M A GIRIJA, W/o K.K Suraj, aged 72 years, Residing at No.319, 2nd B Cross Road, East of NGEF Layout, VTC Bangalore 560 016, I hereby assume from this date the name/surname GIRIJA SURAJ as per Gazette endorsement No. DPS/GCP/Unit-2/Gazette/633/2023-24 dated 15-03-2024 and as per government order cited in Reference (1) and Press Manual Article No.314(2) and printing Manual Article No. 91, so that I and my remitter issue may hereafter be called, known and distinguished not by my former name/surname, but assumed name/surname of GIRIJA SURAJ. Vide Affidavit dated 22.03.2024 sworn before advocate & notary N. Kanchivaradaraju Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) P RIZWANA BEGUM,** Spouse of NO.JC-806180L NB/SUB MAHESH PEDDI, Residing at House NO. 81-317A, Kurnool (Post & Taluk), Kurnool (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 518002, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) PINJARI RIZWANA BEGUM,** And **DOB** from **16.10.1983** to **16.07.1983,** Vide Affidavit Dated 25.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary C.V. EARAPPA BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) DHANALAKSHMI,** Mother of NO.15332637H HAV PADARTHI RAMANJANEYULU, Residing at Viyalakshmi Township, Mulakalur (Vill & Post), Narasaraopet (MD), Palanad (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 522601, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) PADARTHI DHANALAKSHMI,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1961** to **01.01.1963** Vide Affidavit Dated 22.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MOHAMMED NOORUL AMIN S/o Aminulla Khan** and Holder Passport No: P2781728 R/at No.49, Flat 2, A Fazal AL Cove Apt, Kenchappa Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED NOORUL AMIN SAQLAIN** vide affidavit dated: 26/3/2024 Before Notary **S.I.Balaguru** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MAGAJI PRABHAKAR ADARSH,** residing at No. 81, Shankar Mutt, Parrallel Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **CHIRYANSH P.A. MAGAJI** to **DARSH A MAGAJI** vide affidavit dated 21.03.2024 sworn to before IV Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mrs. ARUNA VINAY,** W/o N Vinay Kumar, age 37 years, R/at No. 14, Ward No.7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Venkategowda Layout, Hebbal, Kempapura, Bangalore North PO HA Farm, Bengaluru-560 024, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARUNA KUMARI SHASHIDHARA** & **ARUNA KUMARI .S** to **ARUNA VINAY**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARUNA VINAY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L B ANASUYAMMA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHIVAKUMAR N M,** R/at No. 83, Mandara Nilaya, 6th Cross, Byrasandra 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from **PRAPTI** to **PRAPTI .S,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **PRAPTI .S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-03-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K**, at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, Mukta Dua alias Muktha Ravishankar K, W/o. Mr. Ravishankar K also known as Ravi Shankar Kayampady, D/o.Mr.Chander Kumar Dua, aged about 44 years, R/at No.B410, 4th Floor, Sumadhuras Mathrushree Residency, Sy. No.42, Thindlu Main Road, Near Thindlu Circle, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560097. I have changed my name from **MUKTA DUA** to **MUKTHA RAVISHANKAR K**. Vide affidavit dated 22.03.2024. Sworn before Advocate and Notary B V Nagabhushana, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, JOHN JOSEPH PUTHAN VEETIL, Aged about 46 Years, Son of P.J.JOSEPH, Residing at NO.3143, SOBHA CITY CASA SERENITA, THANISANDRA MAIN ROAD, HEGDENAGAR, BENGALURU NORTH, BENGALURU-560077, KARNATAKA, I declare that the names **JOHN JOSEPH PUTHAN VEETIL and JOHN JOSEPH** both the names belongs to me only, one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 25-03-2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Anoop Nambiar,** S/o Raveendran Edavan Puthiyaveetil, aged about 46 years, Residing at #VVMP Art of Living, International Center, 21st KM Kanakapura Road, Udayapura, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 82 have changed my name from **Anoop Ravindran Nambiar** & **Anoop Raveendran Nambiar** to **Anoop Nambiar** for all future purposes vide affidavit number IN-KA6597045016 -090W dated 22 March 2024 before notary Chethana S. V (advocate) Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) ABZULU NISSA,** Mother of NO. JC-314076K NB/SUB MASTANVALI SHAIK, Residing at Door NO.17-11-2, Mubarak Nagar, Ponnur (MD, TK & Post), Guntur (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 522124, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SHAIK ABJULNNISA,** And **DOB** from **01.09.1959** to **01.01.1970,** Vide Affidavit Dated 22.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VIDHI RANJEET KUMAR JAIN** D/o **Ranjeet Jain,** R/at No.2024, T2, Svasa Homes, Mata Sharada Devi Road, Off Bull Temple Road, Near BSNL Office, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560019 have changed my name to **VIDHI RANJEET JAIN** vide affidavit dated: 26/3/2024 Before Notary **H. S. Sakalesh Aaradhya** Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **SANDESH KESHAV** S/o Sri Srikanth .N.K, age 23 years, R/at No. 2, Santasa, 18th Cross, 22nd Main, Near Royal School, J P Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that my correct and full name is **SANDESH KESHAV**, whereas in all my education and other records, MYSORE is added and same has been continued in all my records, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANDESH KESHAV** only instead of **SANDESH KESHAV MYSORE** and **SANDESH K MYSORE**, vide affidavit dated 25-3-2024, sworn before VII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Sri RAJESHA Y,** S/o Yellapa, age 42 years, R/at No. 229, 22nd Main, 6th Cross, Agara Village, M.T. Ramaiah Road, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560 102 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **MAYURA .K** to **BOLABASAVARAYA .R,** pursuant to the judgement and decree dated 20th day of March 2024 in OS No. 2541 of 2022 passed by Sri Onkarappa R., V Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore City.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **No. 6646816L,** Rank: Ex-Hav, **SURYA DEVARA SATYANARAYANA,** age 77 years, R/at #4241C, Satya Swarupa Nilaya, 1st Main, 1st Cross, L B Shastrinagar, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560 017 declare that both the names **SURYA DEVARA SATYANARAYANA** (as per PPO) and **SURYADEVARA SATYANARAYANA** (as per Aadhaar) refers / pertains to one and the same person i.e. myself only, vide affidavit dated 04/03/2024, sworn before Notary **SIVAKUMARA .M.N,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, ***SATISH VJ*** **(48 yeras), S/o V Jayapalan, residing at # 1181, 3rd Main, 8th Cross, Rameiah Layout, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560084. submit that SANJANA .S is my daughter born on 15.03.2008 studying at 10th class ICSE at St.Charles High School, Bangalore.**
**I submit that my name is Satish VJ and my wife's name is Sumithra, but in daughter's Admission card no.1244482, it is mis-spelt as Satish instead of Satish VJ and my wife name as Sumithra instead of Sumithra. The Affidavit is intend to produce before the concerned authorities to correct the above names accordingly. What is stated above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**
**Identified by**
***GUNA SHEKAR,*** **Advocate,Bangalore. 19.03.2024**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MOHAMMED YUNUS FAHIM,** resident of No. 633/1, Mufthiyan Mohalla, Nizami Chowk, Daira, Channapatna town -562 160, Ramanagara District, Karnataka State, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED YUNUS FAHEEM** Vide Affidavit dated 25.03.2024 sworn before advocate and notary Vedavathi T D, Channapatna Tq.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SAMVED MOKHASHI (New Name) previously called SAMVED (Old Name),** S/o Mahantesh Sangappa Mokhashi, Aged about 19 years, and residing at No.599, 1st Block Near Sri Yetto Basaveshwara Temple, 100 Feet Road, Sir. M. Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name from **"SAMVED" (Old Name)** to **"SAMVED MOKHASHI" (New Name),** vide affidavit dated **26.03.2024** sworn in before **Ravi, B.A. LLB., Advocate & Notary Public,** Bengaluru-560040.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **PRIYANKA S** D/o Sridhar M aged about 23 years, No.44, 'SHRIGARIYA' 10th cross, 11th main Road, Janana Jyothi Nagara Near muneshwara Temple, Bangaluru-560066. I, submit that my parents Originally Residents of No.2,1st floor, 2nd cross, Kilari Road, Bangalore-560053 Made my name as **PRIYANKA.S** now my name changed as **PRIYANKA SRIDHAR** vide Affidavit dated 25.03.2024 Before Notary **Anitha Bai.**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **K.M. CHANDRIKA,** W/o, Late. Udayashankar, age 69 years, Residing at, #02, Godavari Street, Anjaneya Swamy Layout, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, state that both the names **K.M. CHANDRIKA** and **CHANDRIKA UDAYASHANKAR,** belongs to one and the same person i.e., myself, vide Affidavit dated:18.03.2024, sworn before Notary, K.P. Ramesh, Bengaluru. I shall be known & called as **K.M. CHANDRIKA** only for all Official & Future Purposes.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **AYANIKALATH NARAYANAN SYAMA** alias **SYAMA PRASHANTH,** daughter of AYINIKKALATH KUNHIKUTTAN NARAYAN, and wife of Mr. PRASHANTH BAIJU, aged 29 years, presently residing at Flat No. E-26, Chirakut Century Apartment, near ICICI bank, Sahakarnagar, Banglore - 560092, I do hereby declare that after my marriage my name is **Mrs. SYAMA PRASHANTH.** Vide Affidavit dated 20.03.2024 sworn to before Lakshminarayana, Advocate & Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **S.P. PRABHAKARA GOUDA,** S/o Late S.P. Kotra Gouda, age 50 years, R/at No. 49/1, Shri Sai Orchid, 4th Cross, 4th Block, M.L.A. Layout, RMV II Stage, Bengaluru-560 094 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **S.P. ARNAV GOUD** to **ARNAV GOUD .S.P,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **ARNAV GOUD .S.P** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25-3-2024, sworn before Sheristedar, VII ACMM Court, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MALLIGA DEVI** is legally wedded spouse of No. 14325139 X EX HAV, G. Arokiya Samy, presently R/at 45/1, 1st Cross, Manorayana Palya, Bangalore-560 032, have changed my name from **MALLIGA DEVI** to **MALLIGA A SWAMY,** vide affidavit dated 26.03.2024, before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **JAGADEESHWARSWAMI NEELAKANTHAYYA HIREMATH,** S/o, Neelakanthayya Gurubasayya Hiremath, aged about 69 years, R/a, No.170, 4th Cross 11th Main, RBI Layout, J.P.Nagar, VII Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **JAGADEESHWARASWAMY N HIREMATH,** vide Affidavit dated:26.03.2024, sworn before Notary, **Ambreshappa,** Bangalore.

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# SHINE SHETTY

## to play an advertisement director in Bobby CR's *Just Married*

CE FEATURES

AS the makers of *Just Married* draw close to wrapping up the shooting, the first production venture of composer B Ajaneesh Loknath, marking the directorial debut of CR Bobby—who is also co-producing the film—the production recently provided insights into an exclusive behind-the-scenes shoot, offering a glimpse into the world they're creating.

Among the highlights of this sneak peek was Shine Shetty's character, Surya, an advertisement director with a compelling story.

To accentuate Shetty's portrayal of Surya, director Bobby has made some intriguing casting choices. Models Arhana and Luanna, hailing from Goa, were brought on board. What's even more fascinating is the inclusion of Guru Mallappa, a gen-set driver from their crew, making a cameo appearance.

Alongside Shetty, the ensemble cast features Ankita Amar in the role of the female lead and includes Devaraj, Shruthi Krishna, director-turned-actor Anup Bhandari, Sakshi Agarwal, Shruthi Hariharan, Achyuth Kumar, among others portraying pivotal characters. With PG (Parthiban G) handling the cinematography and Ajaneesh composing the film, "Just Married" Amar taking care of the art direction, and its dialogues penned by Raghu Niduvalli.

A still from the film

CR Bobby

# RAMYA

## HAS OPTED OUT OF KRG STUDIOS' *UTTARAKAANDA*

A SHARADHAA

FANS of Ramya have longed to see her grace the silver screen once again, but it seems they have to wait a bit longer. The actor has decided to step out of Uttarakaanda, the film produced by KRG Studios.

*Uttarakaanda* is jointly produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj, and directed by Rohit Padaki, Ramya was all set to star alongside lead actor Dhananjay in this eagerly anticipated commercial flick, which also features Shivarajkumar. An announcement to this was made in November 2022, and excitement was brewing as rumours hinted that the film would go on floors this April.

However, a note from Ramya has caught her fans off guard. In her social media post, Ramya cited scheduling conflicts as the reason for her departure from Uttarakaanda. "I will not be working on *Uttarakaanda* due to the unavailability of dates. I've put my film and political commitments on hold," she shared, while also extending her best wishes to the team. Ramya was recently seen in a cameo appearance in Nitin Krishnamurthy's *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare*. The actor was also in the news for Raj B Shetty's *Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye*, the maiden project from her production banner, Apple Studios.

However, she opted out of the film just before shooting commenced, with Siri Ravi Kumar stepping in to take her place. The film hit theaters last November. With her departure from yet another intriguing project, fans are left wondering when they will finally witness Ramya's long-awaited comeback.

Actor Ramya (Divya Spandana) posted her decision to exit the film *Uttarakaanda*, on social media, stating that she is putting her film and political commitments on hold. The production house has confirmed the same

Ramya

A still from the film

## Cillian Murphy to headline Universal's *Blood Runs Coal*

CE FEATURES

CILLIAN Murphy, who recently made head turns after his much-deserved Oscar win for his stint in Oppenheimer, is all set to headline a mining drama film, *Blood Runs Coal*, for Universal.

The film is an adaptation of the 2020 non-fiction book by Mark A Bradley, titled Blood Runs Coal: The Yablonski Murders and the Battle for the United Mine Workers of America. The narrative is about the murder of the mining union organiser Joseph Jock Yablonski, his wife and daughter, who were all killed at their home. This was followed by a campaign against a corrupt union leader and unearthed shady dealings within the mining industry, as a result of a detailed investigation.

The script for Blood Runs Coal will be adapted by Jez Butterworth and John-Henry Butterworth, known for their work on Edge of Tomorrow. Producers of the project include John Davis and Jordan Davis under the Davis Entertainment banner and Murphy and Alan Moloney under the Big Things Films banner. The author, Bradley, will serve as an executive producer for Blood Runs Coal.

# DIGANTH'S *MARIGOLD* GETS A RELEASE DATE

The film directed by Raghavendra Naik, will be hitting theatres on April 5

CE FEATURES

DIGANTH, mostly known for his romantic roles, undergoes a transformation for his character in his upcoming film *Marigold*. The film, directed by Raghvendra Naik, is set to hit theatres on April 5, along with a slew of other projects. Ahead of the release, the makers of the film unveiled its trailer. According to the trailer, *Marigold* follows the story of four young individuals venturing into the world of treasure hunting.

Producer Raghuvardhan, speaking on the sidelines of the trailer launch, mentioned that *Marigold* promises to be an action-packed thriller. It is shot extensively in Bengaluru and Sakleshpur. Speaking about his experience working for the film, Diganth expressed his satisfaction with the challenging yet rewarding journey that he undergoes in it. He highlighted the collaborative effort and appreciated the producers for providing opportunities for new talents.

*Bigg Boss Kannada Season 10* contestant and *777 Charlie* actor Sangeetha Sringeri, who plays the female lead in Marigold, reminisced about her crush on Diganth during her school days and expressed her joy at finally working alongside the actor. She also shared her aspiration to act in a love story but found delight in starring in an action-packed film alongside Diganth.

With cinematography by KS Chandrashekar and Raghu Niduvalli as the dialogue writer, the film has a lineup of actors that also includes Yash Shetty, Sudheer, and Sampath Maitreya portraying pivotal characters.

A still from the film

# 'As a cinematographer, I've ventured into new territories for *Yuva*'

CE FEATURES

DOP Shreesha Kuduvalli had the opportunity to collaborate with many stars in the industry, most notably Upendra in *Topiwala*, Darshan in *Yajamana*, and Dhruva Sarja in *Bahaddhur*. Yet he finds it exciting to team up with Yuva Rajkumar, who is making his acting debut with *Yuva* from writer-director Santhosh Ananddram. *Yuva* marks Shreesha's second collaboration with director Santhosh after *Raghavendra Stores*.

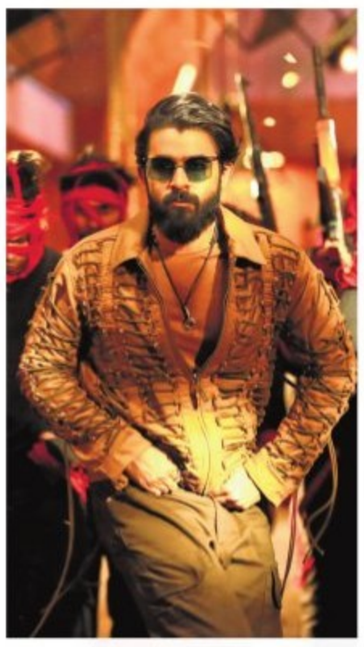
In a conversation with *CE*, Shreesha delves into the innovations he has brought in and the collaborations he has had for Yuva to elevate the film's visual narrative. "As a cinematographer, I've ventured into new territories for *Yuva*. I've sought to redefine visual aesthetics and imbue cinematic storytelling with a deeper social resonance. Despite the fantastical nature of the narrative, we've strived to craft a distinctive ambiance, blending the surreal with real-life locations," explains Shreesha.

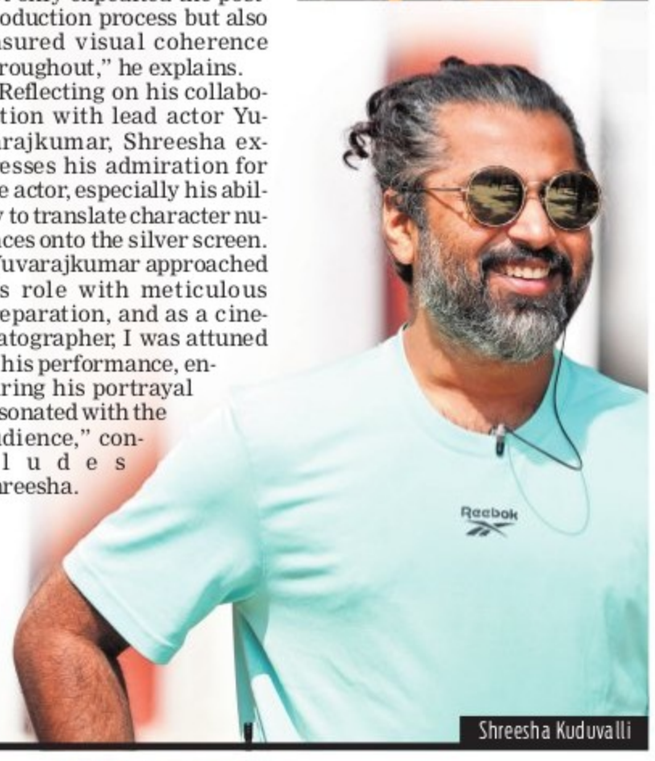
One notable aspect of his approach is the incorporation of cutting-edge technology. "In my role as a cinematographer, I invested considerable effort in preproduction, leveraging digital tools to create 3D models and integrate digital lighting techniques. Collaborating closely with art director Vishwas Kashyap, who curated the colour palette with a great deal of attention to detail, we meticulously designed lighting setups using animation and gaming software, tailored specifically for cinematic adaptation. This collaboration not only enhanced visual clarity but also fostered seamless synergy with the director's vision," he adds.

While such practices are commonplace in Western filmmaking, Shreesha admits they were a departure from his usual workflow. "However, with the luxury of time and unwavering support from the production house, Hombale Films, coupled with director Santhosh Ananddram's creative freedom, I was able to embrace these innovative approaches with confidence. This proactive preproduction phase proved invaluable in streamlining the filming process," notes Shreesha.

Another notable departure from convention was his approach to colour grading. "Traditionally, colour grading occurs post-shoot. However, for Yuva, I adopted a proactive approach, predefining the colour palette to align with the film's thematic elements. This foresight not only expedited the post-production process but also ensured visual coherence throughout," he explains.

Reflecting on his collaboration with lead actor Yuvarajkumar, Shreesha expresses his admiration for the actor, especially his ability to translate character nuances onto the silver screen. "Yuvarajkumar approached his role with meticulous preparation, and as a cinematographer, I was attuned to his performance, ensuring his portrayal resonated with the audience," concludes Shreesha.





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